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A Very Strange
Resolution

THE strangest part of the resolution adopted by the National Chamber of Trade which repeats the complaint about competition in the home market from Hongkong goods, is that which deplores the "non-co-operation of the Board of Trade to repeated approaches by the executive of the National Association of Glove Manufacturers." Non-co-operation in what direction? For refusing to accept facts allegations, unsupported by evidence, that Hongkong is exporting in wholesale quantities Japanese made goods and obtaining for them imperial preference? For rejecting proposals that Hongkong manufacturers imported into Britain should be deprived of duty concessions? For failing to impose a quota system against our products? It would, indeed, be enlightening to know more about this alleged non-co-operation on the part of the Board of Trade.

Because BOT spokesmen in the House of Commons have already indicated that they are satisfied through investigation there is no substance to the accusation that Hongkong manufacturers and exporters are indulging in a vast racket under the protection of imperial preference, this can be discarded as the reason for the Chamber of Trade's complaint of non-co-operation.

ON the question of restrictive quotas the Board of Trade have repeatedly declared that it is not the government's policy to apply them to members of the Commonwealth and Empire. As this involves top level policy the Board of Trade can hardly be held to blame, neither can the decision be labelled as "BOT non-co-operation."

Our understanding is that the National Association of Glove Manufacturers, as well as representatives of other British industries feeling the effects of Hongkong's competition, have had full opportunities for discussing the issues with the Board of Trade and the Director of the Hongkong Government Office in London; that this exchange of views has been free and all-embracing, and that in making available to the complainants established facts and figures, both the BOT and the Colony's representative have given maximum co-operation.

It is all too clear that what the outraged British manufacturers desire is the application of discriminatory restrictions against Hongkong products, either in the form of quotas or a withdrawal of imperial preference concessions.

This, of course, would be a simple solution for our British competitors, but it fails utterly to take into account Hongkong's position. With an economy that is being severely strained through (a) the effects of the UN trade embargo, and (b) maintaining a huge surplus population which has been imposed by political circumstances on the Colony, Hongkong must depend very considerably on the successful development of its new light industries. Yet seemingly some British industrialists would sacrifice Hongkong and its future, merely to satisfy their desire to get rid of a serious competitor.

And if they seriously expect the Board of Trade to co-operate with them to achieve this and they deserve to be thoroughly disappointed and disillusioned.

Britain
Orders

Trevelyan Told To Confer
With Chou En-lai
TO SEEK IMMEDIATE
FORMOSA CEASEFIRE

From Les Armour

London, Apr. 26.

Britain has ordered her Peking Charge d'Affaires to find out just how far Chou En-lai is prepared to go towards easing tensions in the Far East.

After an hour and a half Cabinet meeting today, orders were rushed to Mr Humphrey Trevelyan by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan.

The orders tell Mr Trevelyan to seek an immediate interview with Mr Chou and ask whether he is prepared to agree to an immediate ceasefire in the Formosa Straits as a prelude to full-scale talks on a general settlement.

Foreign Office sources say they think the chances of a settlement have been "greatly improved" by tonight's statement by Mr John Foster Dulles that the American Government will not insist on the Chinese Nationalists taking part in the initial stages of Formosa talks.

It was also revealed today that the British Government want to make a campaign issue out of an alleged "deal" by the British Government to support the United States in the defence of Formosa if the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu are evacuated.

There have been reliable reports that Britain, Australia and France are prepared to come to such an agreement—but the Government has not so far confirmed them.

Tonight, Socialist MP Denis Healey, told me he would press the Foreign Secretary, Mr Macmillan, on the issue in the House of Commons on Wednesday—and he made it clear the Socialists would never agree to take part in the defence of Formosa if that means defending the Kuomintang regime.

He believed the Conservatives were anxious to keep their plans on the issue dark until after the election on the grounds that commitments in Formosa would lose them a substantial number of votes.

According to reliable Foreign Office sources the defence of Formosa will probably be discussed at the May 7 meeting of foreign ministers in Paris, and the sources believe a move to guarantee Formosa is likely to coincide with an American agreement to withdraw from the offshore islands—shaking the United States, and Britain, to form a common front on the question.

The Socialists, however, believe Formosa should be "neutralised" and Chiang Kai-shek expelled. They would like to see the island under UNO control.

Most of all they are determined to keep Britain from any military involvement in Formosa—and there is little doubt the party is almost unanimous on the question—London Express Service.

EVACUATION DENIED
Taipei, Apr. 26.

Both Nationalist and American spokesmen today denied reports that the evacuation of offshore islands by Nationalist forces was ever proposed in talks between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Admiral Arthur Radford.

An American source said the reports were "completely without basis."

A Nationalist spokesman described the reports as "completely groundless." He added the talks had been conducted "in the utmost harmony."

He denied the discussions were desiccated and said evacuation of the offshore islands "was definitely not mentioned."

Both American and Nationalist sources said there was no disagreement apart from the fact that the Generalissimo wanted to fight the Communists and the United States wanted a truce in the Formosa area—United Press.

He Lived On His Disciples Love Gifts—But
His 'Radiant Life'
Ended In Suicide

New York, Apr. 26.

James Schafer, cult leader who became wealthy on the "love gifts" of his disciples, committed suicide today with his wife on their estate.

The bodies of Schafer, 59, and his 55-year-old wife, Cecelia, were found in their expensive car parked on a tree-lined road near West Nyack. A vacuum cleaner hose had been attached to the exhaust pipe and run through a car window. Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Schafer, who billed himself as "Chief Messenger of the Fraternity of Master Metaphysicians and head of the Church of the Radiant Life, was sent to prison in 1942 on the complaint of a spinster who said he cheated her of \$9,000.

At the trial Schafer was accused of being too friendly with some of his women disciples. The judge denounced him as a "spiritual faker and charlatan."

Schafer, in turn, threatened to "demonstrate" the Assistant District Attorney with his mystic powers. If he were not treated with more respect. As for women occasionally hugging and kissing him, he said, he could not deprive them of this since it was their "aspiration."

"BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS"
Following his prison release, Schafer apparently had continued pursuing his profitable peddling of various occult powers. In his palatial home were stacks of correspondence courses which he sold to those interested in subjects ranging from cosmic rays to immortality.

Two years before his prison sentence, Schafer adopted a baby with the announced intention of making her immortal. But when the child was 18 months old the mother appeared and demanded her baby's return. Schafer relinquished the child and gave up his immortality experiment—United Press.

12 Killed In Bus Crash
Madrid, Apr. 26.
A bus plunged more than 80 feet into a ravine near Valencia today, killing at least 12 passengers and injuring 28 others—China Mail Special.

Labour Seeks NS Cut

London, Apr. 26.
The Labour Party tonight called for an inquiry to see whether the two-year period of National Service in Britain can be cut. A Parliamentary motion was tabled and will be debated in the House of Commons on Tuesday—Reuters.

"We Want Our Doctor Back" the Faroes Islanders Say
Angry Villagers Prepare For War
Thorshavn, Faroe Islands, Apr. 26.
Pence talks broke down tonight between the Faroe Government and representatives of the militant villagers of Klaksvik who are rebelling against the dismissal of their local doctor.

The Government then gave the villagers an ultimatum to accept the doctor's dismissal by 8 p.m. otherwise Police action would follow immediately.

Torpedo
Station Blast
Kills Four

Newport, Apr. 26.

At least four civilians were killed and five others injured today when an explosion wrecked a secret torpedo-testing building at the U.S. naval base on Rhode Island. Another civilian employee was reported missing.

Rear Admiral Joseph Wellings, base commander, said compressed gas used to fire torpedoes touched off the explosion. It knocked down a wall of the building and hurled the roof into the ground several yards away from the building.

The blast occurred in the dynamometer room of the building. This room was used for highly secret research in the firing of torpedoes, and other underwater demolition—United Press.

The motor ship, Parkston, with 130 riot police aboard, waited for orders in the anchorage at Skanledjord nearby.



Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn... wants to remain a commoner.

MP's Petition
Rejected

London, Apr. 26.

The House of Lords tonight rejected the petition of Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Labour Member of Parliament, to remain a commoner when his father, a Peer, dies so that he can remain in the House of Commons.

The Lords defeated Mr Wedgwood Benn's petition by 52 to 24 despite a plea by his father and a message of sympathy from Sir Winston Churchill, who himself has chosen to remain in the Commons rather than accept a Peerage.

Mr Benn's father, 78-year-old Viscount Stansgate, said in the House of Lords "We are not living in medieval England."

Mr Benn's father said: "I am personally strongly in favour of sons having the right to renounce irrevocably Peerages they inherit from their fathers"—United Press.

Ship Aground
Near
Eastbourne

London, Apr. 26.

The 1,918-ton Greek steamer Germania ran aground near Eastbourne today after colliding with a Panamanian freighter four miles off the coast.

The Panamanian ship, the 7,583-ton Maro, radioed that although she was damaged she was not in need of immediate assistance.

The Eastbourne lifeboat and the tug Rumania were both speeding to the Germania, which went aground half a mile east of Beachy Head, three miles from Eastbourne.

First radio reports made no mention of casualties. The cause of the accident was not immediately known—United Press.

7 Dead In Train Crash
Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 26.
Seven people were reported killed and at least 80 injured when a crowded electric train collided with some empty cars during a rush period today—United Press.

Threat To Form Vietnam Republic

WARLORDS'
ULTIMATUM
TO BAO DAI

Saigon, Apr. 26.

South Vietnam's rebellious Warlords plan to give Emperor Bao Dai one last warning that unless he dismisses Premier Ngo Dinh Diem they will dethrone him and proclaim a Republic, high sources said today.

The warning would be issued on April 30 if by that date the Emperor who is at present living in Cannes, France, failed to dismiss M. Diem, the sources said.

They said Bao Dai would be warned that if he continued to support M. Diem, he would be dethroned and the South would proclaim a "Free South Vietnamese Republic" and immediately form their own government.

Bao Dai has repeatedly promised to find a satisfactory solution to the crisis before the end of April.

Should the warlords carry out their threat, an open war would be almost unavoidable, observers said.

Tension increased again in Saigon tonight following the dismissal by M. Diem of Mr. Huu Sang, Surete (Nationalist) Director.

Mr. Sang is a leading member of the anti-Communist Binh Xuyen sect.

Both French and Government troops were alerted to stand by to be ready for any emergency.

The Binh Xuyen sect immediately announced it would not withdraw its 200,000 troops from the Surete Nationale Headquarters in Saigon.

Because the warlords' attitude is dynamized, the Government does not plan to attack it.

In its French language broadcast, the Binh Xuyen Radio warned its "French and foreign friends" tonight to keep off the streets because new outbreaks of violence may follow the dismissal of the Surete Nationale chief.

Three people were killed and several others wounded in a series of clashes between

National Army and Binh Xuyen units in Saigon earlier today.

Official sources reported a spreading wave of looting and pillaging by armed gangs exploiting the confusion.

Government troops travelling aboard a truck opened fire on a jeep carrying Binh Xuyen staff officers near the Chinese quarter separating central Saigon from its Chinese suburb of Cholon. A Binh Xuyen armoured car returned the fire, killing two people, and wounding several others.

A French Good Offices team moved in and quelled the outbreak.

Shortly afterwards, a Government ambulance driver racing down the boulevard Gallieni fired several rounds of Tommy gun bullets at a group of jeeping Foreign Legionnaires, but missed.

ARMY CHIEF FLEES
Tonight, a group of armed civilians shot and killed a vice-commissioned officer of the National Army outside the Army headquarters.

M. Diem's position was further weakened when the National Army Inspector-General General Nguyen Van Vy, fled from Saigon to Delat, claiming that M. Diem planned to arrest him.

The Government Radio said tonight M. Diem has appointed Colonel Nguyen Ngoc to be the new Surete Nationale chief—United Press.

RUSSIAN OFFICER
SHOT IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, Apr. 26.

An Austrian policeman today shot and wounded a Soviet officer who had fired several shots at two other Austrians, police reported at St Poetter.

They said the officer had been in a nightclub where he had earlier been offensive and brandished his revolver.

When the nightclub closed and the owner wanted to climb into her car, he prevented her. A policeman and several other Austrians tried to stop him, but he drew a pistol and fired several shots.

He did not hit anyone.

A Siren Wailed...
An EU siren wailed near the St. Peter's Ferry jetty at 9.30 a.m. today, and the Coastguard on point duty quickly stopped the flow of passengers crossing Connaught Road.

The van tore past to the "emergency"—a false alarm at the Hong Loong Bank, 33 Wing Lok Street.

Red Army To
Leave By
End Of Year

Austrians Confident

Vienna, Apr. 26.
The Austrian Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Herr Bruno Kreisky, said today Russia had set December 31 as the last date for the withdrawal of her occupation troops from Austria, irrespective of when the state treaty was signed and ratified.

He added he was "completely sure" that both the Western powers and the Soviet Union want the rapid conclusion of a state treaty for Austria.

Herr Kreisky stressed that at the recent discussions with Herr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, in Moscow, the Russians had not demanded any guarantees for Austria's neutrality. Austria would make a declaration of neutrality of her own free will after the treaty had been signed, when she will again be a sovereign power, he said.

He added that nothing had been said in Moscow which would prevent Austria from joining international economic bodies such as the European Payments Union.

TALKS THIS SUMMER

In London, it was learnt that Britain, France and the United States are beginning active preparations for "Four-power talks with Russia this summer."

Their hope is an early conference with the Soviet Government on the problems of the European "cold war," including the division of Europe into Communist and anti-Communist blocs.

The "Big Three" Western foreign ministers will meet in Paris on May 8 to prepare an invitation to a Soviet representative likely to be Mr. Molotov, the Foreign Minister.

Today officials from the three countries met at the Foreign Office to draft recommendations to their ministers on how to go about the four-power meeting. They will be assisted by a team of German Officials during their stay.

Bonn reports say the German delegation will emphasize West Germany's determination to honour to the full her treaties with the Atlantic Powers.

The Germans do not want the Western Powers to gain the impression that the German Government would be susceptible to a Soviet proposal of an Austrian type solution for Germany.

A solution of the German question must take full account of the security needs of all Germans as well as the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc, the West Germans believe.

But it is understood the Germans will ask the British for assurances that the Government does not share the views of the times that a settlement with the Soviet Union may have to be made at the expense of German Unity—Reuters.

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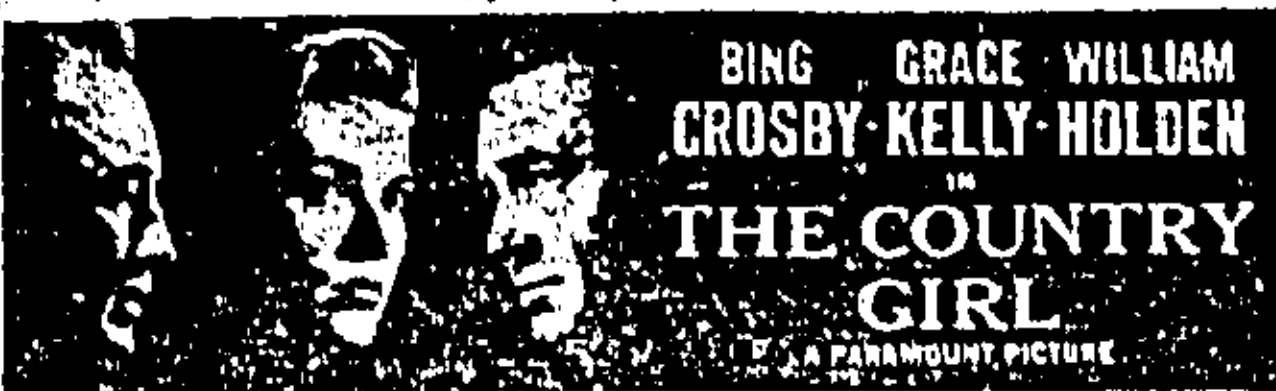


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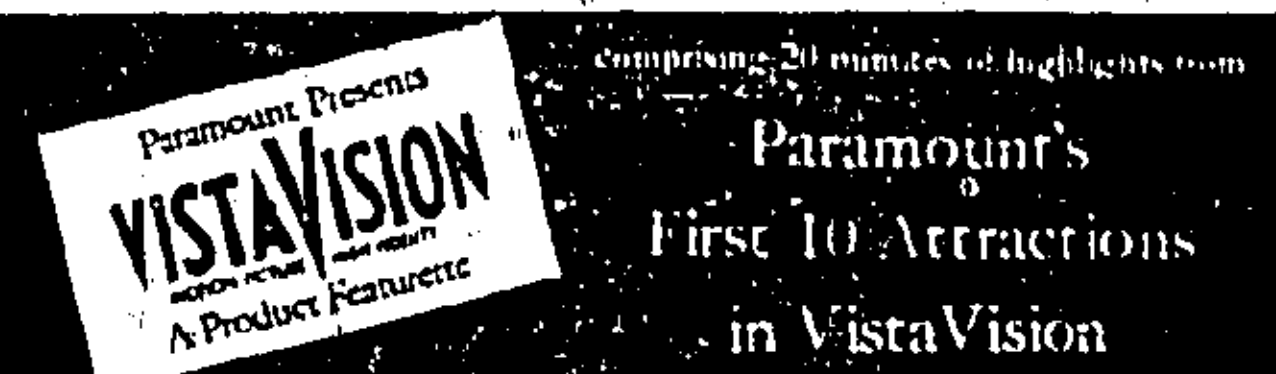
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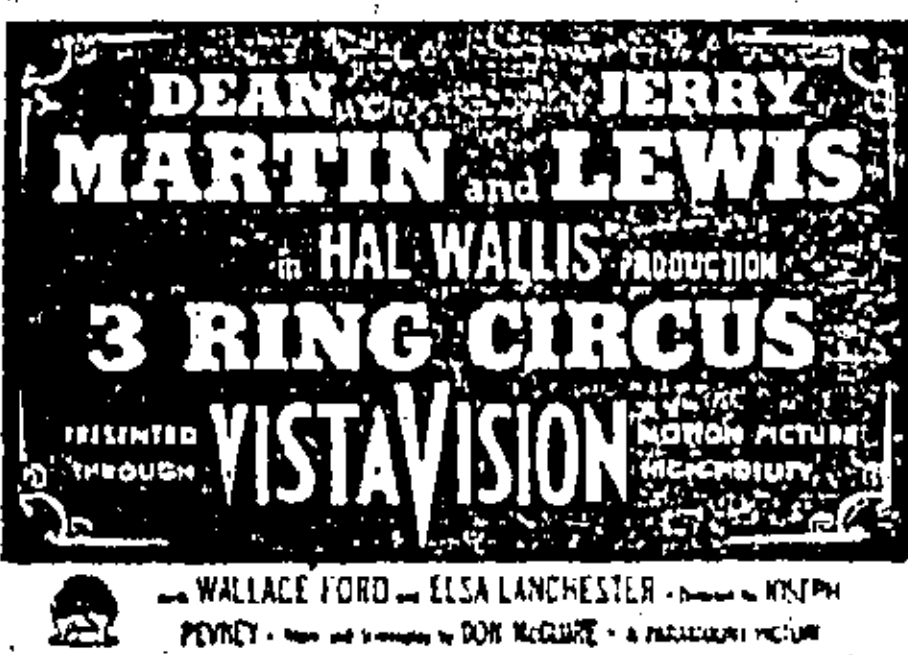


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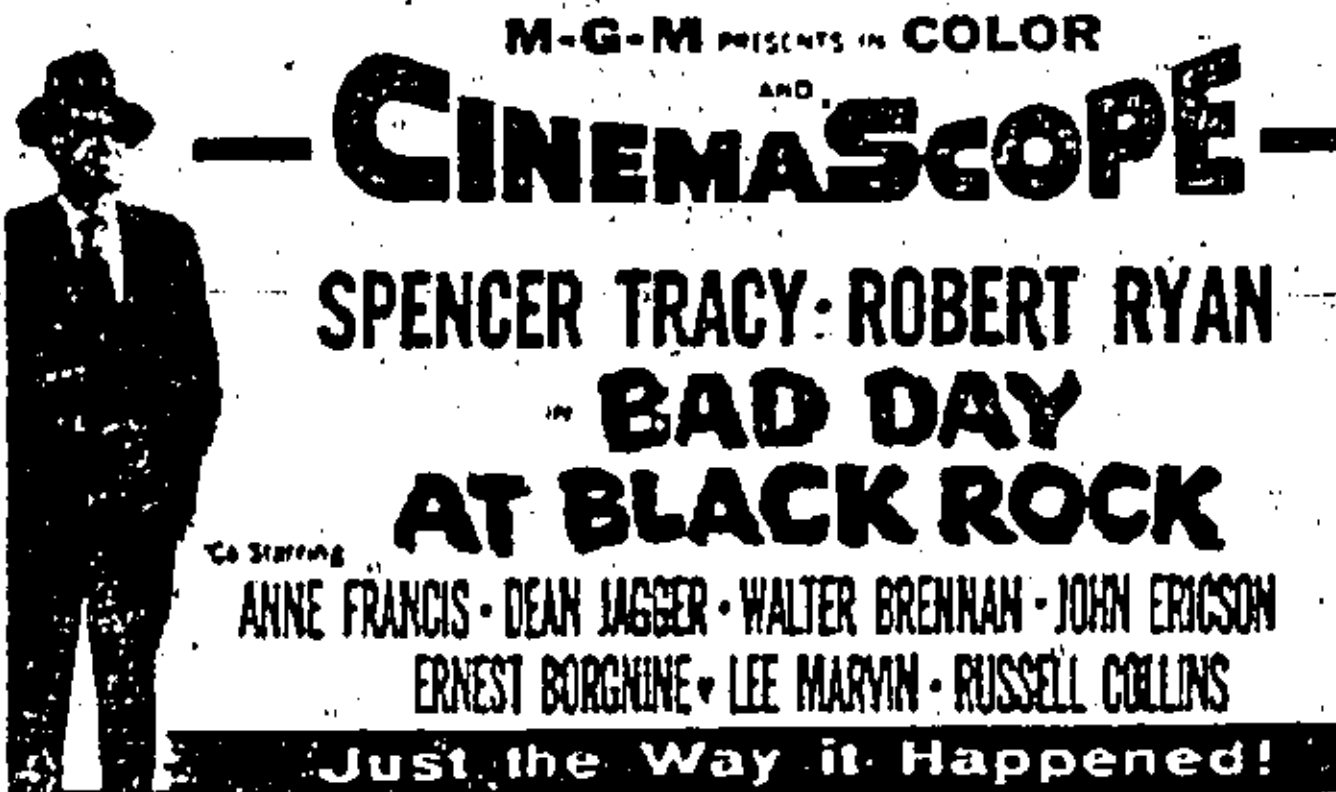
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CHINA HAS NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS

Burmese Premier Says He Is Convinced

New York, Apr. 26.

The Prime Minister of Burma, U Nu, said in an interview today he is convinced that the Chinese Communists have no territorial ambitions.

"Their greatest ambition is to have peace for many, many years in order to permit them to implement their vast programme of industrialisation and social improvement," he said in an interview published by Newsweek magazine.



The Danish Royal Family is preparing for the forthcoming visit to Paris and the inauguration of the Danish House in the French Capital. This picture was taken at the Royal Palace Amalienborg, Copenhagen, in preparation for the visit, and shows Queen Ingrid with her three daughters Princess Margrethe, Princess Benedikte and Princess Anne-Marie.—Express Photo.

Intercontinental Missiles RUSSIA COULD BE LEADING U.S.

Washington, Apr. 26.

Senator Ralph E. Flanders said today it is possible but not probable that Russia is leading the United States in the development of an intercontinental missile.

Mr Flanders joined Republican colleagues on the Senate Armed Services Committee in defending the Administration's development of what has frequently been called the "ultimate weapon" — a missile capable of spanning an ocean in a matter of minutes.

A Democratic Senator and member of the Committee, Mr. Stuart Symington, questioned the adequacy of the Administration's programme over the weekend with a flat assertion that Russia is "far ahead" in the development of an intercontinental ballistic missile.

NO CHALLENGE

Republicans were not ready to challenge Mr Symington's assertion openly. They said that there is no way of telling—from this side of the Iron Curtain—who is ahead in the missile race.

But from what they have seen and heard of America's missile programme, the Republicans were satisfied that the United States is making adequate progress.

Mr Flanders, who recently toured several missile research centres, said he personally was convinced that no one knows

who is ahead in the race that could tip the scales in the cold war.

There is reason for concern, Mr Flanders said, because the Russians seized several leading German missile scientists and installations after World War II and removed them to Russia.

This fact, Mr Flanders said, has "led us to believe that at the very best the Russians are not far behind us" in the development of an intercontinental missile.

"It is entirely possible but not probable," he said. But Mr Flanders added that "the immense amount of highest grade scientific research" he has witnessed going into the American development has satisfied him that Russia cannot be ahead.—United Press.

Trade Unionist Invited To Leave

Caracas, Apr. 26.

Mr Adrian Vermuelen, a Dutch representative of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), was expelled from Venezuela for criticising the labour situation in this country, the National Security Police announced today.

Mr Vermuelen's criticism was voiced during the opening session of the fifth meeting of the ILO's Oil Commission, yesterday.

The chief of National Security, Mr Pedro Estrada, said that Mr Vermuelen was "invited" to leave the country because of his "intervention in Venezuela's internal politics."

Mr Vermuelen flew last night to Curaçao. Sixteen countries, including the United States, are represented in the ILO's Oil Commission. One of the chief items in the Commission's agenda is to study the labour situation and human relations in the industry.—United Press.

NOT DETERRED

"They told me quite frankly that they did not want war if it could be avoided, but that they would not be deterred by the fear of war," he said.

Concerning the Burmese policy of "non-involvement," U Nu said that so far as Burma is concerned, we feel that the declaration—the Five Principles of non-interference—signed by (Chinese Communist Prime Minister) Mr Chou En-lai—itself provides quite enough security. If others choose to seek security in other ways that is their look-out. For me to criticise these nations would be interference in their affairs.

"However, war won't suppress Communism. From the first World War came Communism in Russia. From the second World War has come Communist control of half of Europe and of China. The more wars you fight the more Communism you will get. If the British hadn't given us our independence we would have been Communist, too."

U Nu explained, in reference to the "Five Principles" that "we have been told we should not believe in Communism. But we think they will keep their word."

"MAN OF PEACE
He added that he regarded President Eisenhower as "a man of peace."
"I know America does not want war," he said.—United Press.

Negro Doctors For Texas

Fort Worth, Apr. 26.

The Texas Medical Association has stricken the word "white" from its 88-year-old Constitution. The action, by the House of Delegates, governing body of the State Medical Organisation, provided for possible admission of more than 200 Texas Negro physicians to the Association.

The House of Delegates met on Monday in conjunction with the annual convention of the TMA at Fort Worth. Texas became the seventh Southern State to strike Negro restriction clauses from State Medical Association constitutions. Missouri was the first, in 1948.—United Press.

OLD BIBLE FOUND

Johannesburg, Apr. 26.

A 1577 Breches bible is one of the rare volumes so far discovered in a search organised by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Johannesburg, for the oldest bible in South Africa.

Mrs A. B. Forman, of Johannesburg, who owns the bible, said that although the leather binding was worn the text was in perfect condition.

The "Breches Bible" is the name given to the Geneva Bible of 1560, because the word "breches" is used for the "fig leaves" said to have been worn by Adam and Eve.

The Reverend D. M. Baird, first minister of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, said the purpose of the search was to stimulate Union-wide interest in the scriptures.—China Mail Special.

PUT BACK THE VEILS

Madrid, Apr. 26.

The mayors of the ancient Moorish towns of Tarifa, and Vélez de la Frontera, have suggested that their townswomen should go back to covering their faces—a custom dropped 50 years ago.

Explained the mayors: "Women appear to be much less happy since they have taken to going about with their faces uncovered."

The two towns are near Gibraltar and women in them kept up the ancient Moorish custom until the turn of the century when they were persuaded that it was out of keeping with the twentieth century.—London Express Service.

The Soviet delegation to Poland, headed by Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, returned to Moscow from Warsaw today, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported.—Router.

NOT SO POOR AFTER ALL

Paris, Apr. 26.

SEVEN-year-old Raymonde of Bettendorf, Alsace, wanted to play marbles with her little friends, but she had none.

She thought perhaps her brothers had some and she searched places where they used to hide their treasures but in vain. Pursuing her search in closets, chests of drawers, she finally came across a cardboard box full of what looked like yellow buttons.

"They look pretty," she thought, "perhaps my friends will agree."

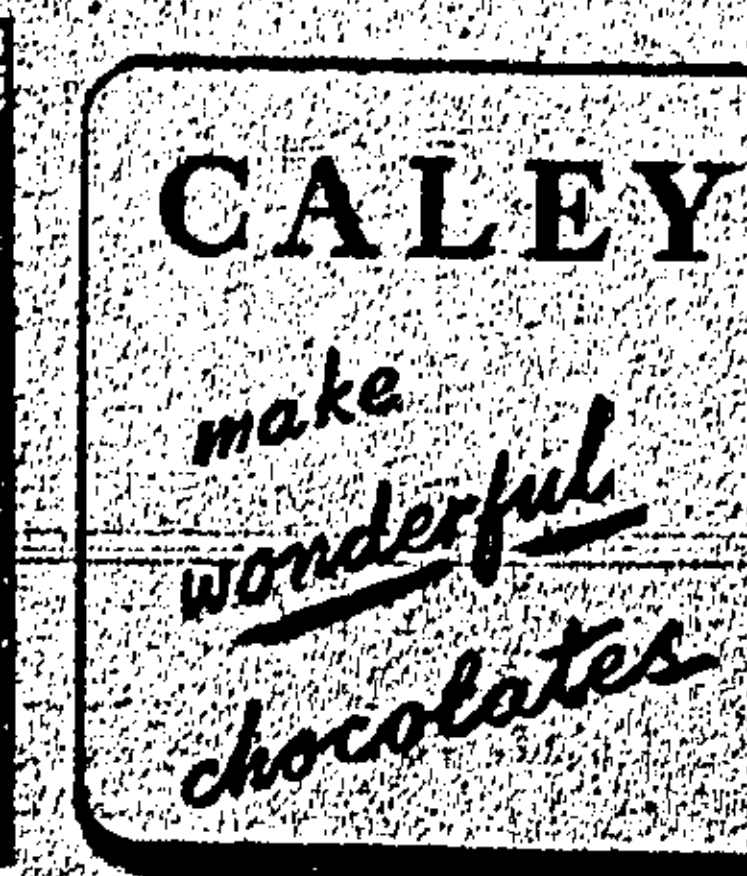
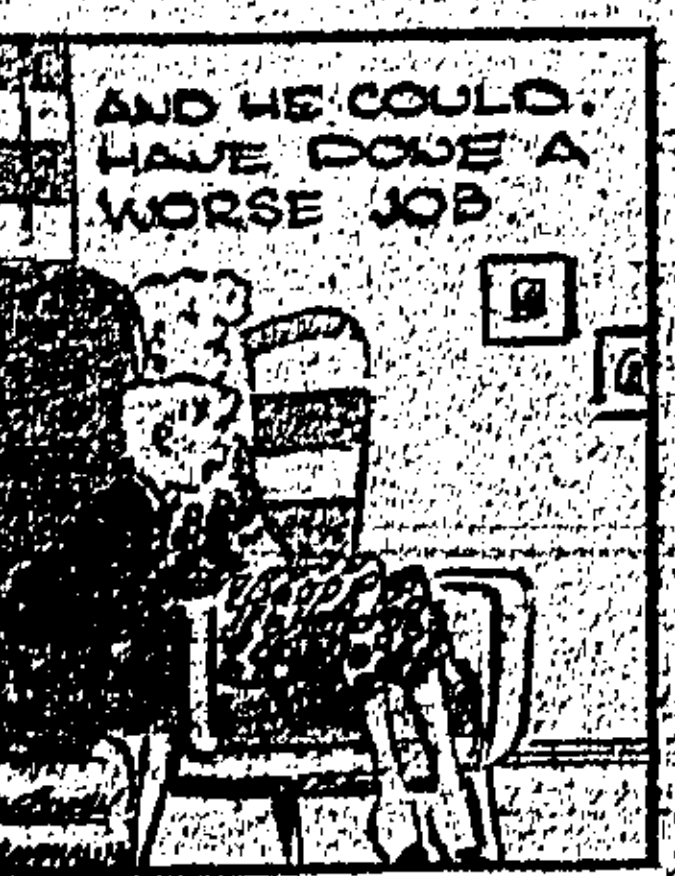
to trade them for some marbles." She went to join them in the street. She had a wonderful afternoon. She got back home very late, extremely pleased with herself. But when her parents saw the box which was now full of glittering marbles of various colours, they were horrified. What the girl had mistaken for buttons were gold coins and constituted the family savings of three decades. It was worth \$1,000.

The parents immediately went on a real treasure hunt. They

went first to the parents of Raymonde's little friends where they found a number of coins. Then armed with torchlights, they combed the pavement of the street where the children had played all afternoon. But despite all their efforts, they could only find about 100 coins out of 130.

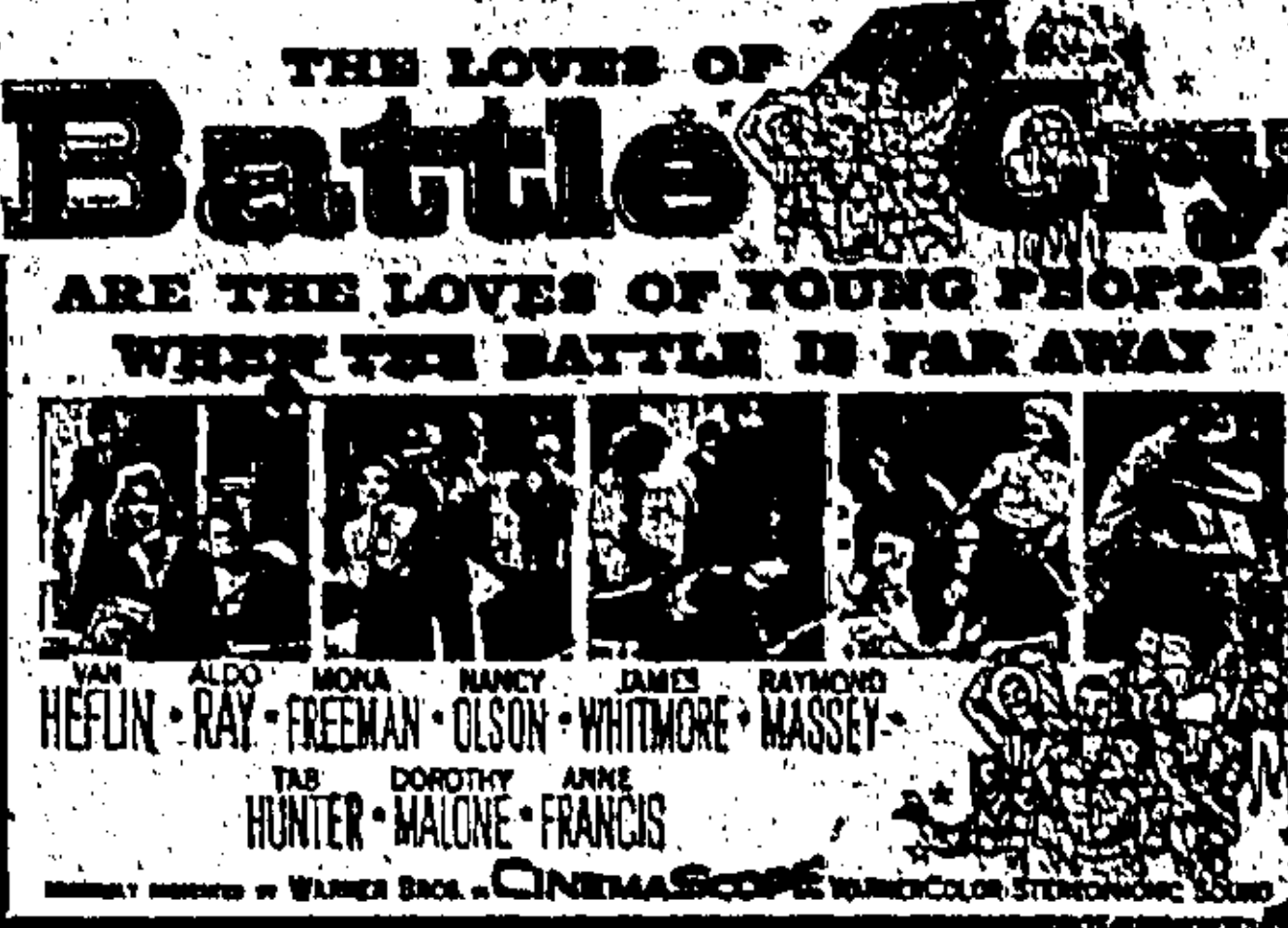
Besides, they "lost face." They had been making themselves pass as very poor and nobody suspected that they owned such a fortune.—France-Press.

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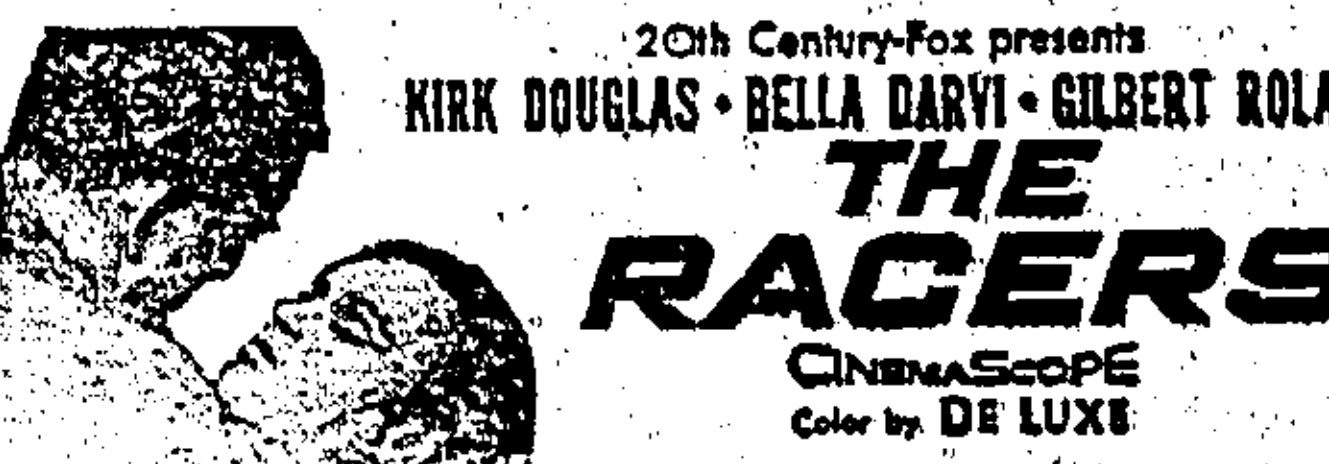
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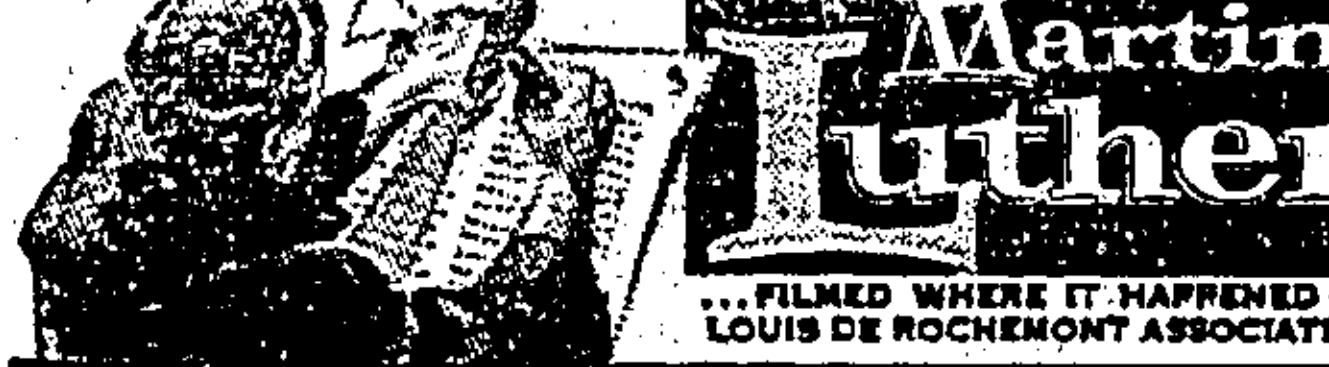
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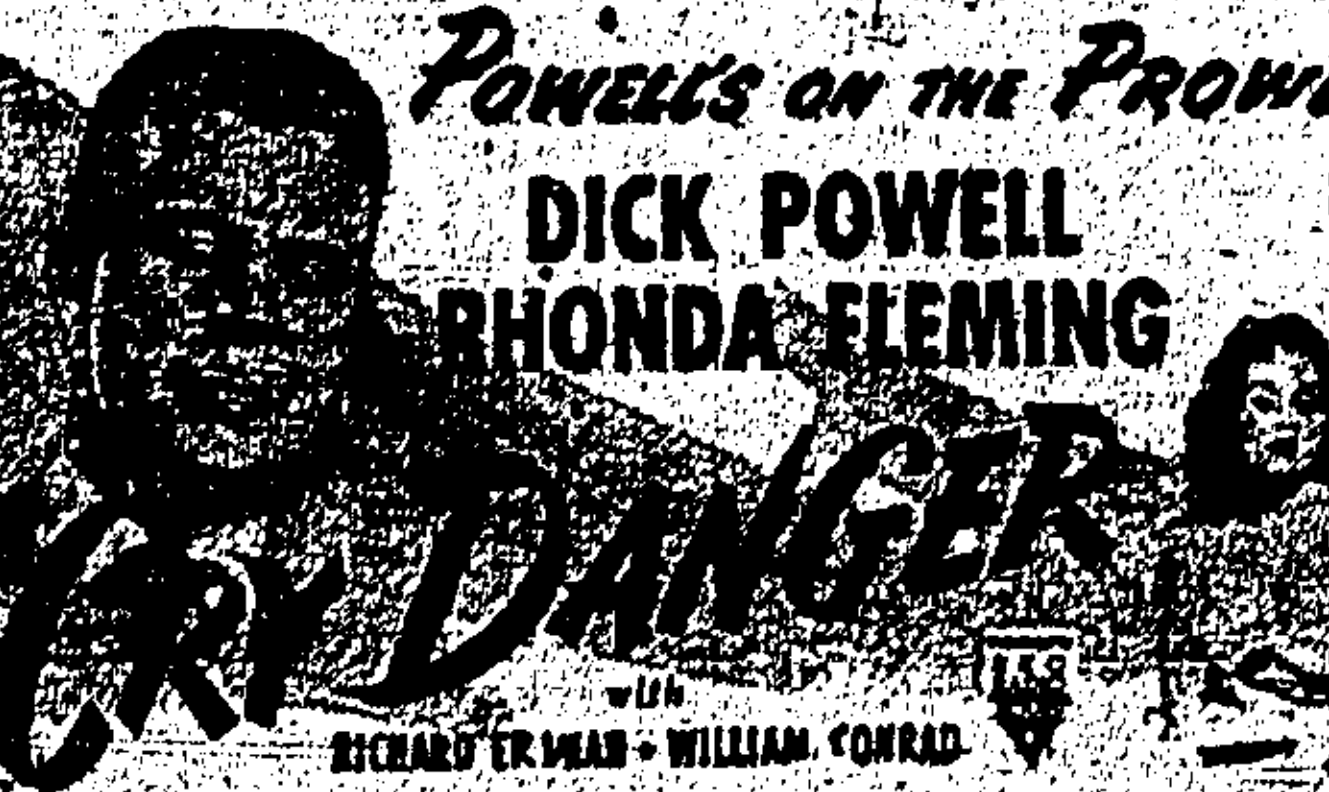
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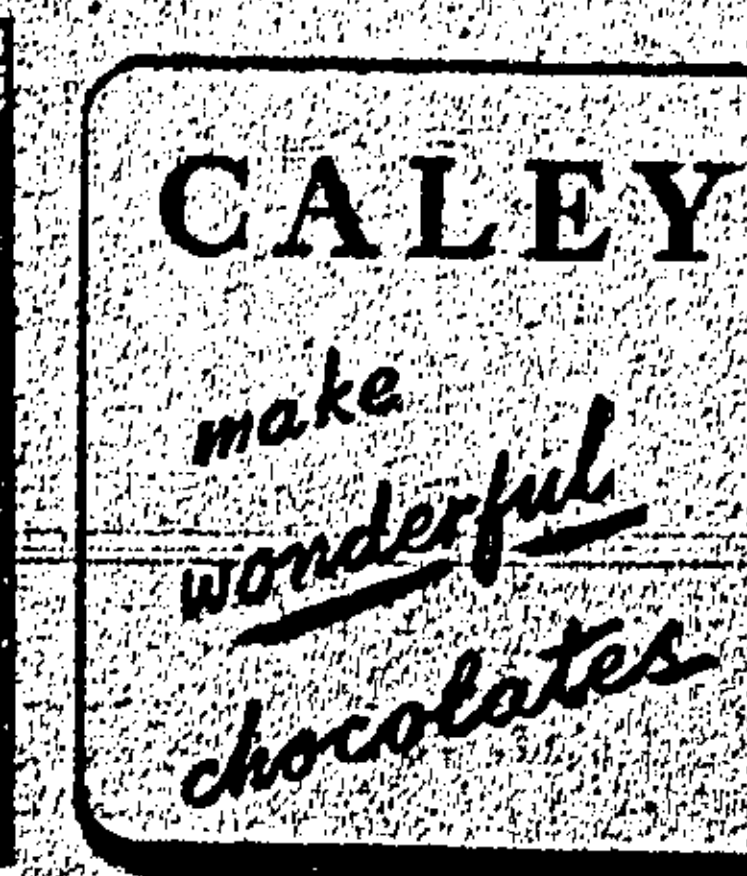
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Warsaw Uprising

Rokossovsky Could Not Aid Poles

Paris, Apr. 26. Soviet Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky told a Paris newspaper today that the Red Army was unable to aid the Polish underground uprising in Warsaw. The anti-Nazi rebellion occurred in August 1944 with the Russians poised on the banks of the Vistula. In that battle, which began on August 4, 1944, thousands of Nazi bombs leveled Warsaw and thousands of its citizens perished. It is accepted in the West that the uprising was ordered by the Polish underground general, Bor Komorowski, to coincide with the arrival of the Soviet Army at the gates of Warsaw.

DEFENCE MINISTER

Today the influential afternoon newspaper Le Monde published an interview with Marshal Rokossovsky, commander of the Soviet armies in Poland at that time and now Poland's Minister of Defence. Marshal Rokossovsky claimed he had sent a telegram to General Komorowski warning that any uprising at that time would be premature, considering the Russian military position. He said he told Komorowski there were not enough Red troops concentrated on the banks of the Vistula—right across from the city—to intervene effectively. The Marshal said he knew this telegram reached its destination but that there had never been any answer.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Disturbance (6).
- 5 Fish (5).
- 8 Hiding-place (5).
- 9 Value highly (6).
- 10 Break out (5).
- 11 Reject with disdain (5).
- 12 Conceal (4).
- 13 Endures (5).
- 14 Drives back (6).
- 15 Collection of crockery (8).
- 16 Pay out (5).
- 17 Biblical character (4).
- 23 Move sideways (5).
- 25 Brown pigment (5).
- 26 Consuming (6).
- 27 Insects (5).
- 28 Intended (5).
- 29 Wagers (6).

DOWN

- 1 Livens up (8).
- 2 Medicine which counteracts poison (8).
- 3 Top cards (4).
- 4 Specimens (7).
- 5 Flare (5).
- 6 Core (6).
- 7 Drinker (5).
- 14 Star (8).
- 15 Sprays (8).
- 16 Beaming (7).
- 17 Small shot (7).
- 19 Flag (6).
- 21 Portion (5).
- 24 Orient (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Well, 7 Storm, 8 Evil, 9 Wise, 10 Declare, 12 Keep, 15 Amend, 18 Shun, 19 Hilar, 21 Rites, 22 Host, 23 Event, 24 Kept, 25 Emerald, 26 Rase, 31 Mica, 32 Adopt, 33 Peel, 34 Down, 1 Sheep, 2 Prelate, 4 Alien, 5 Leak, 6 Pile, 9 Wren, 11 Amuse, 13 Edit, 14 Prey, 18 Drone, 17 Trek, 18 Step, 20 Astride, 22 Hemp, 24 Vesta, 25 Clasp, 27 Emit, 28 Trip.

Experts Plan Strategy At Baguio NEW PI DIVISION

Baguio, Apr. 27.

SEATO military experts worked in small groups today to draw up the free world's defence plan for Southeast Asia encouraged by the announcement that the Philippines will add a new division to its army.

Lieut-General Jesus Vargas, Armed Forces Chief of Staff and Philippines military adviser to the SEATO Council, said that the Philippines is ready to contribute "our share to the security of the Southeast Asia collective defence treaty."

Gen. Vargas said that the Philippines is at present actually activating a new infantry division which will include a large number of 20-year-olds.

PI DEFENCE

"This division," he said, "will be primarily for Philippines security but it could be used in the defence of the SEATO area depending upon the commitments that will be made by the Philippines."

The 86 military delegates today (Wednesday) will lay aside their note books, drawing boards and maps long enough to visit President Ramon Magaysay at the Government's Guest House.

Gen. Vargas said that the SEATO military advisers, of which he is the Philippine member, are tentatively scheduled to meet in Bangkok on June 6 to pass on recommendations of the military staff planners who completed their second day of meeting on Tuesday.

He said after the June session the decisions will be turned over to the Foreign Ministers of the eight SEATO nations for final approval.

Gen. Vargas said that the SEATO conference here is "progressing very nicely."

The various Committees of the conference are working simultaneously on the various agenda items, he said, and that when their work is completed it will be referred to the chiefs of the various delegations in a plenary session for approval.

Gen. Vargas said that each Committee has assigned just one agenda topic.

On Tuesday, the working groups met in the morning and afternoon in sessions still guarded so tightly that only fragmentary bits of information have leaked out.

It was learned that the military planners from the United States, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, New Zealand, Australia, Pakistan, France and Thailand met and discussed Thailand's contribution to collective defence.

Source reported that Thailand's support will be in ground forces that will act as a "blocking force" against a Red advance.

JOINT STAFF

A proposal for joint SEATO staff and intelligence operations were reported to have been discussed.

Other topics touched on so far were:

1. Formation of a collective ground, naval and air force.
2. Exchange of military personnel.
3. Co-ordination of SEATO activities.
4. Supplies.—United Press.

Three UNESCO Employees Win Appeal

Geneva, Apr. 26.

A special administrative tribunal today upheld the complaint of three American citizens against their discharge from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) after refusing to appear before the United States Loyalty Board.

The three judges ordered that if UNESCO did not renew the appointments terminated at the end of last year, it should pay compensation of two years' salary and legal expenses.

The attitude of the complainants, they found, in no way justified serious doubts as to their integrity or loyalty towards UNESCO.

The basic salary award worked out for Peter Duberg at more than \$25,500, for David Left at \$4,500 and for Mrs. Annette Wilcox at \$25,500.

Duberg and Left were also awarded children's allowances for the two years. They were in addition awarded four per cent interest on salary and allowances and Mrs. Wilcox, on salary from January 1, 1955.

NO POWER

The Tribunal stated it had no power to order renewal of fixed term appointments, but unless the Director-General of UNESCO—an American, Dr. Luther Evans—would reconsider his decision, it was competent to order equitable compensation.

The Tribunal found the decision not to renew the appointments was one that should be rescinded. It constituted a wrongful exercise of powers and abuse of rights and there was an obligation to make good the resultant prejudice.

Prejudice had been aggravated by publicity the Tribunal found, as the withdrawal of confidence had been publicly stated to be due to lack of integrity.—Reuter.



Experiments have been carried out by engineers of the French National Railways to produce a radio controlled locomotive. In place of the driver is a mass of radio apparatus, which enabled the engineers to control the train from a distance. In three minutes the train reached a speed of 60 miles per hour on the track between Paris and Le Mans. The engineers then stopped the train and declared that the preliminary tests were completely satisfactory. New further tests are being carried out, before the radio controlled locomotive goes into public service. Here is the control cabin of an accompanying train from which the radio controlled locomotive was operated.—Express Photo.

Susan's Husband Hurries Back ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Hollywood, Apr. 26.

Susan Hayward's attempt on her own life early today with an overdose of sleeping pills brought her ex-husband flying to her bedside to-night in an effort to reach a reconciliation.

The red-haired actress had barely emerged from a morning-long coma when Jess Barker, divorced mate of the star, boarded a plane in New Orleans to rush to her side.

As he boarded the plane in the Southern city, Mr. Barker said when asked if he would seek a reconciliation with Miss Hayward, "Anything can happen. I'm going home to do everything I can for Susan."

PET NAME

The actor sent her a telegram prior to his takeoff in which he said, "I'm coming home as fast as I can. Love, Daddy." At first he had signed the telegram "Jess," but then he changed it to "Daddy," recalling her pet name for him when they were married.

Mr. Barker denied he and Miss Hayward had a bitter

found by her side with the film script, which tells the story of singer Lillian Roth, a former alcoholic who once tried to kill herself.

Miss Hayward, who rocketed to stardom playing the part of an alcoholic in the movie, "Smash-Up," had quarrelled with her ex-husband, actor Jess Barker, only last Friday about custody of their two sons.

The fiery actress was said by her friends to have been hurt by last Sunday's blow-up with Barker at a secret meeting at the Ambassador Hotel. Valley division police headquarters listed the case as "attempted suicide," and an officer said "there was no melodrama here."

"REALLY OUT"

"If she hadn't gotten treatment right away she would have been a goner. She was really out when we took her," Detective G. W. Wilkeson said.

The curvaceous star was divorced from Barker last August 8 after a sensational hearing. Barker since had vainly sought a reconciliation. The couple have been fighting for months over where each can take their ten-year-old sons.—United Press.



SUSAN HAYWARD

quarrel over their twin sons early Sunday before he left on a personal appearance tour. He said they merely had a "little spat" over arrangements for the children.

A "No Visitors" sign was posted on the door of Miss Hayward's hospital room as she recovered from the effects of a massive dose of a sedative. The actress was found before dawn today curled up on the floor of her living room by officers who broke into the house.

The officers used to the Coldwater Canyon home in the San Fernando Valley after a phone call from her mother. Two empty sedative bottles were

Chou Guest Of Indonesia

Djakarta, Apr. 26.

Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai was received here today as a State guest by President Ahmed Sukarno and was given a golden key to the city by the Mayor of Djakarta.

In the evening, Mr. Chou was entertained at a programme of Indonesian songs and dances. Mr. Chou also spent an hour today with the Egyptian Premier, Gamal Abdel Nasser at the Egyptian Embassy. No statement was issued after the meeting, but it was learned that Mr. Chou presented Col. Nasser with a copy of the Korean in Chinese.—France Press.

New Cocktail

Sydney, Apr. 26.

One of her husband's favourite cocktails was methylated spirits and "coke," a mother of eight told the divorce court which granted her a decree nisi.

Mr. Justice Dwyer said he had heard of people drinking methylated spirit and boot polish but the spirit with Coca-Cola was new to him as a drink.

Mrs. Eileen Hall, 40, told the court her husband, Walter Desmond Hall, 52, process worker, had increasingly "gone on benders." He had several hideaways around the house, one of them being the chimney where she had found a bottle of the favourite cocktail.—China Mail Special.

Queen Mary Loses Record

Southampton, Apr. 26.

Cunard's \$3,000-ton Queen Elizabeth II steamed into port today after the fastest Atlantic crossing by any British liner since the war.

The world's biggest ship covered the 3,199 miles between New York Harbour to Cherbourg, France, in four days 11 hours 42 minutes at an average speed of 29.7 knots.

Today's crossing snatched away the British record from the Queen Mary which established its record in June, 1933.

The Atlantic Blue Riband is held by the American liner United States which churned across the Atlantic at an average speed of 35.59 knots in July, 1952.—United Press.

ANTI-PARIS TREATIES German Democrats Intensify Campaign

Bonn, Apr. 26.

The West German Social Democrats decided today on a three-point programme to intensify their campaign against the Paris treaties and propagate their ideas for an alternative foreign policy.

The Party's Bundestag (lower house) faction, after hearing a long speech from Herr Erich Ollenhauer, the Social Democrat leader, agreed first that Ollenhauer should send a letter to Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor. Herr Ollenhauer has long claimed that the Paris treaties diminish chances of German reunification.

Secondly, contacts should be made with the free Democratic Party and the Refugee Party (both in Dr. Adenauer's coalition) to explore the "third solution" proposed recently by influential circles in these parties.

Third solution. The idea of this "third solution" is an independent grouping of European states, including Germany, attached to neither the United States nor the Soviet Union. It is a "third solution" to the Cold War.

The Bundestag or at least in the foreign policy committee on the political situation.

In his speech, Herr Ollenhauer said the fronts in the cold war had shown signs of "softening up" and there were indications of "serious attempts" by the Soviet Union to enter talks on relaxing tensions in the world.

But he said it was "foolish" to believe that the Soviet Union was still prepared for serious negotiations on German reunification, once the Paris treaties had come into force.

The Paris treaties must be regarded as a "bargaining object" and the West must be prepared for a reunified Germany not tolerating any foreign military bases on her territory. Today the steering committee of the Bundestag rejected a Social Democratic motion to hold a foreign policy debate next week.—Reuter.

Attlee Writes To Lady Megan TORIES WEDDED TO INEQUALITY

London, Apr. 27.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Labour Party leader, declared today (Wednesday) the Conservative Party in Britain "remains a class party wedded to inequality."

"Labour believes in the value of every individual."

He said this in a welcoming letter to Lady Megan Lloyd George, a Liberal Member of Parliament for 22 years until 1951, who announced yesterday that she had joined the Labour Party.

BOURGEOIS RELICS OF CAPITALISM

Moscow, Apr. 26.

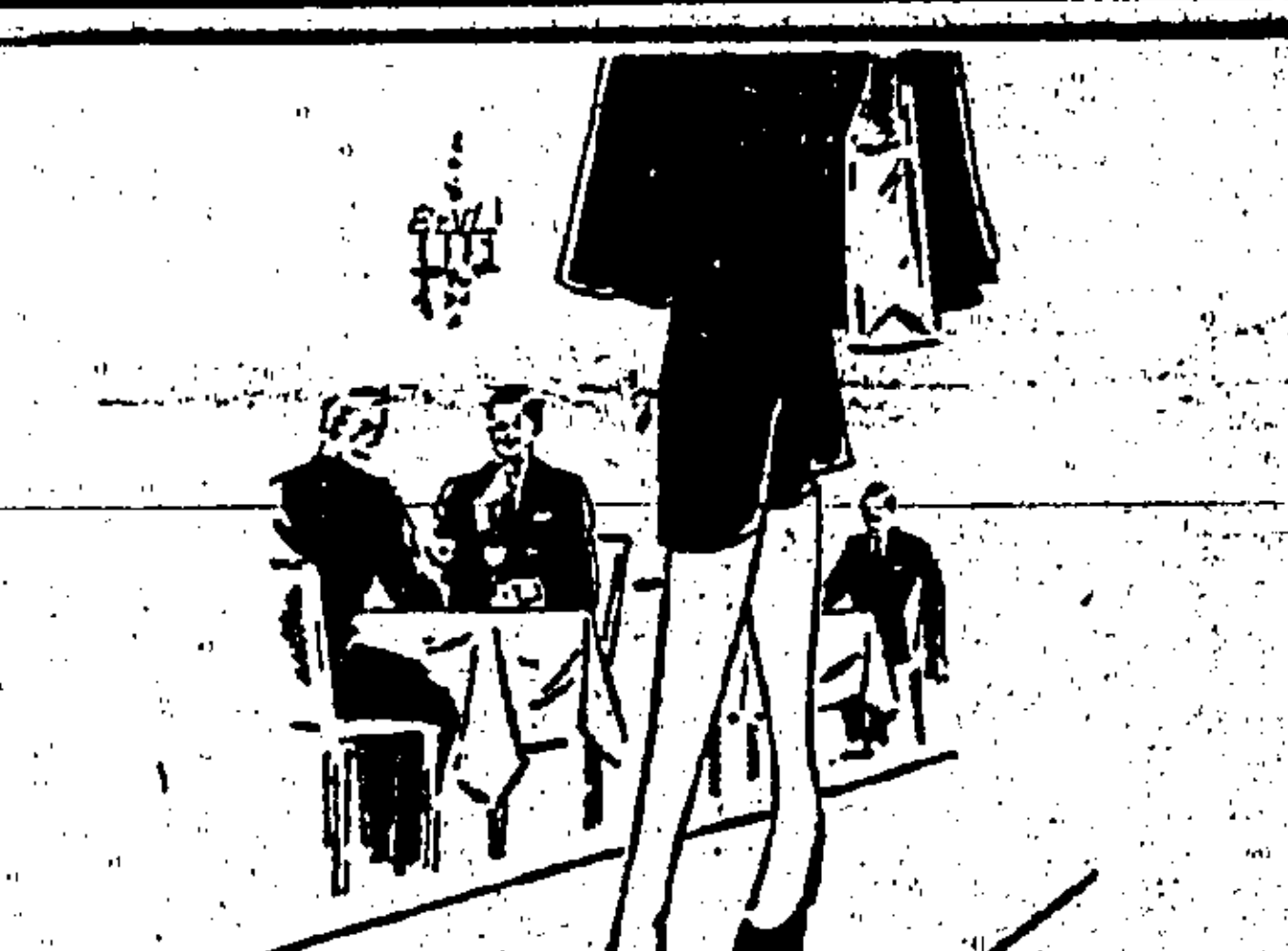
Soviet soldiers have been categorically warned that low moral standards and bad behaviour could be a danger to the defence of the country.

The Red Army newspaper Red Star pointed out that the forces' morale, and therefore their fighting capacity, depended on their "political consciousness and moral qualities."

While not as serious as such crimes as espionage and sabotage, Red Star warned that "moral instability and slovenliness inevitably leads to the loss of ideals, and thence to the loss of political vigilance."

Red Star called for an end to "laxity" with people whose morals were unsatisfactory. "The struggle against bourgeois views and the relics of capitalism in peoples' consciousness is a struggle for the further strengthening of the power of our State and its Armed Forces."

In the Soviet Union such failings as bad morals and behaviour are always attributed to the "bourgeois relics of capitalism."—China Mail Special.



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DID IT HAPPEN?

Tenth story in the China Mail series

"It won't be very exciting," said Sergeant Brownlee. Yet it sounded attractive enough—a dawn patrol alongside the Iron Curtain—on the safe side! "A year ago—that was different," the American went on. "The Commies used to pot at us—or at refugees trying to cross the frontier. But it's quiet now."

"Maybe it will live up today," I suggested. "I have a reputation in England—things seem to happen when I'm around."

"Say, you ain't a jinx?"

"No. But just as some people are accident-prone, so I'm incident-prone. If I go to a volcano which has been quiet for years, it suddenly blows its head off."

He looked at me in some apprehension as I climbed into the jeep. I sat at the back with Private First Class Costello; Sergeant Brownlee was in front with the driver. We left the American barracks and plunged into a maze of forest country. After a short run the jeep halted abruptly. Trucks of trees, festooned with barbed-wire, blocked the road. More trucks of barbed-wire stretched from north to south.

"This is the Iron Curtain!" Brownlee announced.

Now a branch road ran parallel with the frontier, which here was a placid stream. Often the barbed-wire approached its banks. Suddenly a yell from Costello halted the jeep. He jumped out, and ran through the long grass.

"Say, there's a dame here—dead!" Hell, there's a guy as well!

Now he had been expelled; and further disaster threatened. "You're on the black list, Jiri," a friend had warned—he had joined the Party to keep his job. "The next time you open your mouth will be the last!"

Jiri was no Communist and was not prepared to be a cabbage. Helena had already made up her mind. She was very good looking, and a neighbor—a Party official—had been heard to comment on her "bourgeois views" on sex. She knew what the next stage would be.

"We will go—but I'm not coming back, Jiri," she said. "If we're caught, it means 20 years in the mines. I couldn't stand that. I'd rather die."

She meant it. Helena always did mean what she said. So a suicide pact was born.

Jiri needed little persuasion. He was highly strung, and the thought of torture and prison appalled him. The document forger put him in touch with another useful man, who, for a consideration, supplied two small bottles of poison.

"So it's agreed, Jiri?" Helena said. "If we fail to cross the Curtain we die together."

It was agreed. Their kiss was the seal of the deadly compact. The preparations were few—they could carry nothing with them but a little food. Jiri acquired a compass, but its movements were erratic.

Friends who claimed expert knowledge advised against the attempt to cross the frontier from Czechoslovakia into the American zone of Germany—it would be easier if they went through Eastern Germany. Armed with their precious passes, they went by train to a town near the northern frontier. They slipped into Eastern Germany with comparative ease, using unfrequented mountain paths.

Now began the long trudge to the West. They spoke little German, so dare not approach anyone lest they should be revealed as foreigners. They used rural lanes and paths, and made a zig-zag course. By night they slept in woods, unseen.

Their food ran out and they dared not enter a shop—they had no German currency anyway. But at length they reached a little town within a few miles of the Curtain. Now they must travel by night, and danger lurked every yard of the way.

A HOLE IN THE CURTAIN

by Bernard Newman

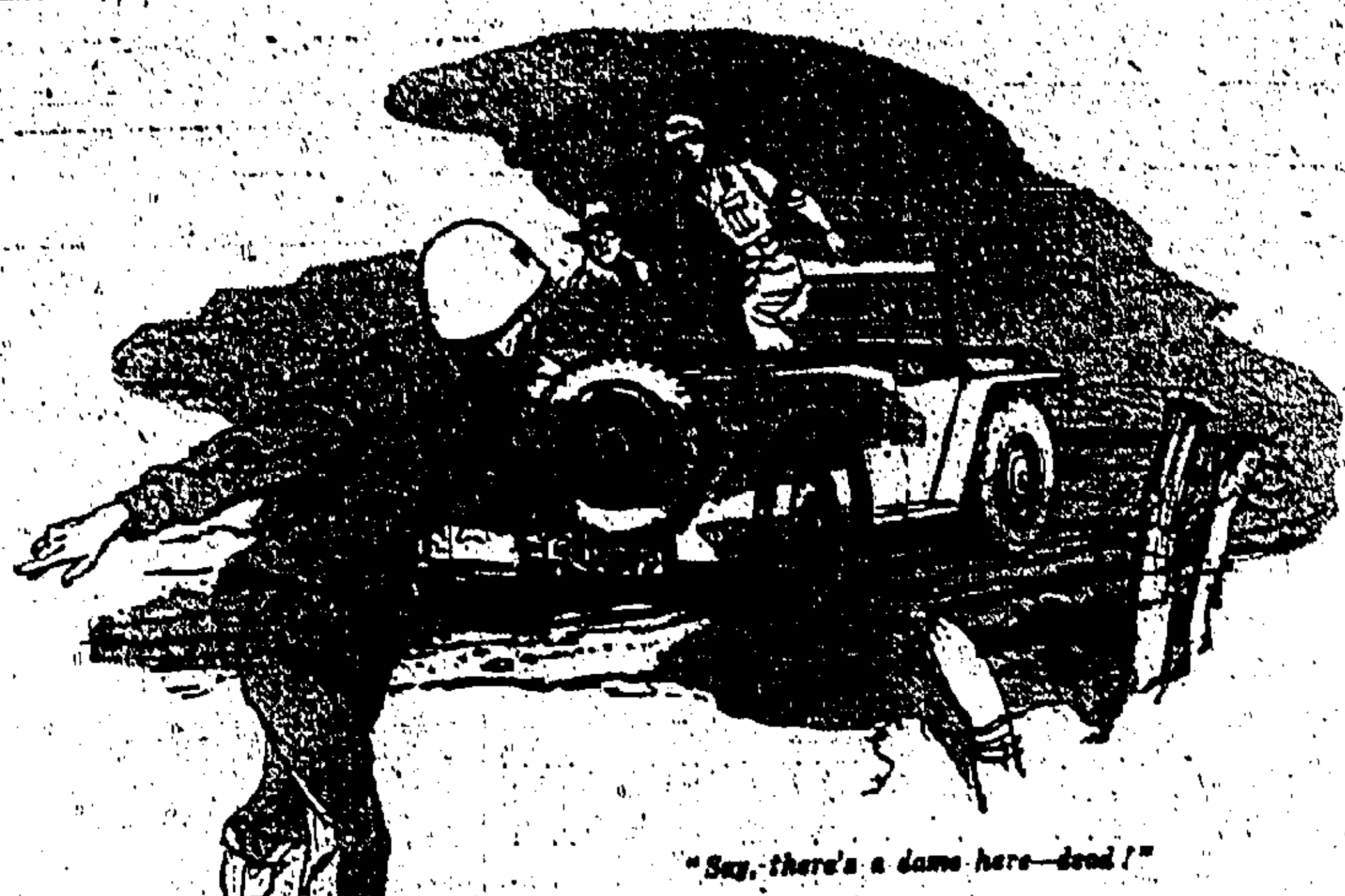


Traveler, author, lecturer Bernard Newman has written the tenth story in the China Mail series.

He can still come 40 miles a day. He was behind the Iron Curtain this time in 1917, but he left his bicycle in Vienna.

Newman was with the B.P. in France from 1915 to 1917. In the 1930s he travelled the world lecturing for the Ministry of Information.

In addition to his many travel books, Bernard Newman is a prolific writer. He has three daughters, lives in Harrow-on-the-Hill.



"Say, there's a dame here—dead!"

But he could not resist the rising surge of happy confidence within him. Then, just as he was about to sing aloud for joy, he walked into another swathe of barbed-wire!

What did it mean? Two layers to the Curtain? But this was incredible, merely a cover to a series of outposts. Soon they passed through it.

Suddenly they heard a terrifying sound—the deep baying of a dog. Then shouts. Evidently the pursuers were confused for they did not find the refugees. But the incident was frightening. For an hour Jiri and Helena lay quite still. The dog was their greatest danger.

"We must go on!" Jiri whispered. "It will be dawn in two hours."

Helena was tiring, and both were hungry. But they stumbled

on—through another forest and by the shores of a lake. Then Jiri had to admit that he was hopelessly lost.

"I think we have passed this way already. We must have been walking in circles," he muttered despondently.

Despair emphasized their exhaustion. After they had staggered a few hundred yards they could go no further. Then the dawn came—suddenly it seemed to their tired eyes.

It revealed a familiar scene—a bridge, the one they had seen the previous evening.

"So we have failed!" said Helena.

"We may be able to try again."

"How, when we do not know where we are? And the dawn patrol may pick us up at any time. No, I have no bottle, Jiri."

He looked at her and was inspired by her courage.

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In circles

THEY had been walking in circles confused by a bend in the frontier. They had passed the Iron Curtain twice—had been on Western German soil for a total of two hours in all and, far greater tragedy, were in Western Germany when they consummated their pact of death. The bridge was the boundary.

So the dawn patrol which found them was not Communist, but American. And they were not dead, but only unconscious. An astute sergeant recognised the symptoms and the jeep speeded them to hospital. There men and women worked and fought to save them from unnecessary death.

Jiri and Helena had taken enough poison to kill a dozen men, but faith or fortune proved the text-books fallible; slowly and painfully they wrestled their way back to life.

"Well, your troubles are over now," I said. "You can look forward to a new life—with Jiri. Helena had been trying on her wedding dress."

"Yes," Helena smiled happily. "It is strange. When I lay down to die, I knew no fear. But when they brought me back to life I was terrified."

Which seems to be a fair comment on the madness of our world.

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Now YOU have to decide: Did Bernard Newman imagine his story or did it really happen to him? Is story No. 10 FACT or FICTION? See tomorrow.

Yesterday's story "The Girl in the Car" by Robert Henriquez, was FACT.

Did it really happen? No. 10: A Hole in the Curtain

YES NO

Nathaniel Gubbins: The Quiz Panel

AS I cannot read newspapers with my accustomed ease until I get better my life partner the Plucky Little Woman has taken on the job, assisted by Albert the Robot Columnist.

They have been treating me like the panel in a BBC quiz, asking questions on affairs of the day and quoting items of news to hear the reaction. Like this:

P.L.W.: A £300,000,000 atomic energy programme will give Britain the lead over the rest of the world in nuclear power which will reduce the price of electricity in ten years' time. What does the panel think about that?

Gubbins: Assuming that the price of electricity will be reduced in ten years' time the panel thinks it is a wonderful news for old-age pensioners. Those who are still alive will be able to use an electric fire for a couple of hours a day without giving up luxuries like a hot Sunday dinner and a couple of pints of beer on a Saturday night.

P.L.W.: Why does the panel use the word "assuming" when the Minister of Fuel and Power has given a Government assurance?

Gubbins: Because, from long and bitter experience of Government assurances and of the Electricity Authority the panel does not believe the price of electricity will ever be reduced, even if nuclear power could generate it for nothing. The panel thinks that if the cost of electricity is reduced the Authority will make up for it by charging

higher rents for meters. The Authority might even charge you for reading the meters. In any case, consumers will still get the same crazy bills which nobody but the Authority understands.

P.L.W.: As the panel seems irritable would it care for a reading from something lighter like a cookery column?

Gubbins: Cookery columns usually make the panel feel sick, particularly when stale bread is squeezed to a pulp in water and lumps of dripping are mentioned.

P.L.W.: Dripping is not mentioned in this. It is a savoury made of a half-eaten corned beef cheese, scraped off the skin.

Gubbins: What, with? P.L.W.: With a knife and your fingers, of course.

Gubbins: I thought so. P.L.W.: You then mince the cheese with butter, cayenne pepper, and chopped walnuts, and shape into little cakes.

Gubbins: What, with? P.L.W.: With dirty fingers smothered in germs. Then you add beaten egg and crushed cereals and fry in hot fat.

Gubbins: Dripping? P.L.W.: It doesn't say so. Is the panel feeling sick?

Gubbins: Yes. P.L.W.: Has the panel any comment to make on the recipe?

Gubbins: Yes. The next time there is a half-eaten corned beef cheese available the panel would rather eat it straight and not have it mixed about.

P.L.W.: Mr. Leslie Burchett, a tattooist of the Waterloo road, can make girls' cheeks permanently pink and red noses permanently white. Has the panel any views about that?

Gubbins: The panel thinks the reference to red noses was a deliberate and inept attempt to get the panel's attention.

personal appearance and considers it very un-British in view of the panel's health. The defiant panel will now go to the top tavern to make its nose redder.

WHEN I returned the Plucky Little Woman was still reading the papers on my behalf.

P.L.W.: In view of recent speeches by the Chancellor of the Exchequer about checking inflation does the panel think income tax will be reduced in the next Budget?

Gubbins: In the first place the panel has never understood what inflation means even when politicians try to explain it to economic imbeciles by describing it as too much money chasing too few goods.

P.L.W.: Isn't "too few" rather clumsy English?

Gubbins: The panel is quoting clumsy politicians. All the panel knows about this matter is that as soon as the country becomes prosperous with full employment and high wages there is always a politician at hand to tell the people that if they spend the money they have earned we shall all be ruined.

The only people who are allowed to spend all their money free of tax are those who are clever or lucky with football pools, on the stock exchange, or buying and selling shares on the London Exchange.

P.L.W.: The panel has not answered the question: "Does it think income tax will be reduced?"

Gubbins: The panel thinks it depends on whether or not there is a General Election.

P.L.W.: At a meeting of the National Union of Small Shopkeepers it was suggested that

those who do not call in a doctor or visit a surgery for a certain period should be given a no-claim bonus up to 25 per cent. on their National Insurance contributions. Does the panel think this is a good idea?

Gubbins: As it has been frequently stated that the National Health Service is not paid for out of National Insurance contributions but out of taxation the panel thinks it is the silliest idea of the week.

P.L.W.: Young brides in Hull who are undecided what to give their husbands for the next meal may now dial a number and be given a menu.

What does the panel think about that?

Gubbins: The panel thinks that if this sort of thing goes on women will soon become entirely useless. New machines have now made cooking, washing, and cleaning the home so simple that the stupidest man can do it all for himself in his spare time. If a wife can't even think up a menu men might as well remain bachelors.

P.L.W.: Doesn't the panel think that men marry women for other reasons than cooking and thinking up menus?

Gubbins: No, unless it's for their brilliant conversation. P.L.W.: On the other hand a 13-year-old schoolgirl writes to a newspaper saying she does all the cooking for her father, who is a widower. She says: "I enjoy cooking and trying out new recipes and also making up my own. They don't all turn out right, but I just laugh."

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Albert: Has the panel been able to notice the picture of Queen Soraya of Persia?

Gubbins: Yes. Albert: Doesn't the panel think she's smashing?

Gubbins: The panel does not consider "smashing" a suitable word to describe a woman's face.

Albert: Doesn't the panel think she's even more smashing than Marilyn Monroe?

Gubbins: At the moment the panel is not interested in such things.

Albert: I would like the panel to object if I wrote a poem to Queen Soraya.

Gubbins: Yes. Albert: The difficulty is to find a rhyme for Soraya. I could start off with:

Hiya Soraya, You needn't go any further. Albert: If she spells her name Soraya I could go on:

Soraya, Soraya, What a pity you've already got a boy.

Although I don't want to annoy ya, Let's go to a show. I'll meet ya in the foyer.

P.L.W.: As you're so clever at rhyming Albert, perhaps you could help Eric Meschwitz, the lyric writer, who says there is no rhyme for August.

Albert: Easy. In his August: When I met you first, You were lying on a beach and I saw your

Gubbins: That will do, Albert. I was only trying to find a rhyme for August.

Gubbins: I said that will do.

GREECE ON THE BRINK

By HARRY CROWTHER

Athens.

UNDER the stern and efficient rule of grey-haired, seventyish Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, Greece has faded out of the headlines — no terrorists devastate the mountain villages, breadlines are shorter, industry is growing.

But there is a worried look on the Field Marshal's brow these days. The Bulgarian border is being watched more closely. And Greek politicians are becoming restive.

Two quite separate problems are coming to a head — and either or both may lead to trouble at any moment.

One of them is mounting tension between Greece and Bulgaria following the signing of the pact between Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia.

PARTY SPLIT

The other is the split in Papagos' party following the "retirement" last year of his first lieutenant, Spyros Markezinis.

The eruption of either one could bring the other to a head.

The Bulgarians stopped dropping Communist guerrillas across the border after Papagos made them see the hard way that the game wasn't worth the candle. But Greek intelligence sources say that there is growing pressure from Moscow on the Bulgarians to put the mountain bands back in business.

Greece's strength worries the Russians.

It lessens their chances of acquiring strategic command of the eastern end of the Mediterranean and the Dardanelles in the event of a major war.

It is also bad business for the puppet states in the Balkans, and particularly for Albania. A successful non-Communist state does not go unnoticed even behind the Iron Curtain, and the long-range control of the Balkan states has always been a tricky business for the Communists.

Trouble on the border could give Papagos' enemies a chance to capitalise on the internal troubles of his own party.

PAPAGOS' PURGE

Markezinis, as "Minister of Co-ordination" was the man who really put Greece back on her feet. But he and Papagos fell out—apparently over personal matters—and, after his resignation, Papagos promptly purged all his followers from the Cabinet.

The rest of the Markezinis faction promptly left the party, cutting Papagos' following in parliament from 147 to 209 in a house with 300 seats.

In another election—the Markezinis men might well do much better, especially if there was trouble on the border and they could claim that, without Markezinis, Papagos could not control it.

A slight shift in the balance and Greece would go back to the pre-1952 political confusion, which paved an excellent basis for Communist infiltration.

For the time being, from the end of the war until 1949, Greece was virtually in a state of civil war.

Papagos, an personal command of the army, cleaned up the situation really.

VERGE OF WAR

But when he entered politics in 1951 his Iron Guard party could do no more than scrape up 114 of 236 seats. He refused to deal with conditions, and the succeeding governments were on the verge of facing another civil war when the elections of 1952 put Papagos in office and saved the day.

It was just before the election that American Ambassador John Foster created a scandal by announcing he believed it would be a good thing for Greece to have a new general election as soon as possible. That would produce a new government better equipped and better able to deal with the problems facing the country.

It was taken to mean that Papagos would have American support—and American aid. And that probably went a long way toward winning the election.

It is doubtful whether any American diplomat would dare to play the same card now.

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REME Cycling Club Deserves "Team Of The Year" Title

Says NTACA

Our "Personality" for this week is an unusual one. It consists of not one rider, but many. In short, the Team of the REME Cycling Club.

After the fine exploits of last season, it was felt that the REME Team would suffer a set-back. Instead, they have gone from good to better. Just take a look at their record for the season, and see if you do not agree that they deserve the title of "Team of the Year".

Of the thirty-five events held, they took First Team place in Twenty-two, Second in another Five. Their trophies include the "Mary Cheung" Cup; "Hop Yick" Shield; "Dairy Farm" Cup; "Carlsberg" Cup; "NTACA" Cup; "Tour of Hong Kong" Cup; "Coq d'Or" Shield; "Clegg" Cup; and the latest, the "BSA" Shield for the Colony Massed Start Championship.

Colony Team records at 30 and 25 miles, with the individual 25 miles time as well: Teap Hill Climb Record.

On the individual side, the record is almost as impressive. Fifteen First, Fifteen Second and Fourteen Third Places. Hurford's winning of the "Lord" Best All Rounder Massed Start Shield by an overwhelming margin of points. Sanderson's third place in the "SCMP" Best All Round Time Trial Competition.

An outstanding Team feat was the winning of the Army Inter-Unit Team Shield, beating the 7th Hussars by 576 points to 484 in the season-long competition. Based on the NTACA Championship events at 25, 50 and 100 miles, the Hill Climb and the Massed Start Race, the competition called for consistently good riding and teamwork. As individual riders the 7th Hussars are almost certainly the better. But as a Team the REME CC was superb.

SECRET OF SUCCESS

The secret of their success as a team is that they ride, train and race together. They develop plans and tactics for races which will enable them to "Crack" to give of their best, yet not handicap the others. They sacrifice their private ambitions for the benefit of the Team as a whole. They are a TEAM, and not merely a collection of individuals.

In only five events throughout the entire season have REME been unrepresented in the Prize list, either by individuals or a Team.

And the names of these "Team Men"? Hurford, Sanderson, Ryalson, Ayson, Milligan, Butts, Ellingham and Lord.

With the present season almost finished, the REME CC is already building the Team for next season. Most of its Top-liners have gone, but new riders appear to fill their places. Whether they improve on the standard of the past two seasons or fall below it, you can be assured that the motto of the REME CC will be the same, "The TEAM".

Ron Beck added further lustre to his name by the way in which he won the HKCA Massed Start Championship race on Sunday. Held over three laps of a gruelling circuit, the race attracted the best men in the Colony, all of whom but five were eliminated by the heat, distance and mechanical trouble.

At the end of Lap One Beck, with Gower and Bouch, had a

slender lead over the rest of the field, who were well spread out. Lord and Griffiths retired in Lap two, as did others later. End of Lap Two saw the original three leaders four minutes in front of the REME pair, Ellingham and Sanderson, with Smith, a REME newcomer, a further four minutes down and riding a solo. Ellingham and Sanderson were riding beautifully together at one stage getting to within a minute of the leading trio.

The climb of Route 1 on the third lap saw Beck pile on the pressure, with both Gower and Bouch getting off to walk the last few yards. Over the last 13 miles, Beck ran away from the others to build up a lead of eight and a half minutes over second man Bouch at the finishing line, Gower coming in at exactly ten minutes, a very tired boy indeed.

REME BOYS

Five minutes later, the REME boys rode in together, trying hard to finish level, but were separated by the Timekeeper, Flt Sgt. Whitmore, by the width of a tyre, with Ellingham getting the nod. Their joint effort gave REME the "BSA" Team shield, the result of a perfect team ride. They are a well-matched pair, Ellingham being slightly the better on hills and Sanderson stronger on the flat.

The 7th Hussars, who started strong favourites for the team race, rode badly, seeming to have no idea of riding as a team, and suffered as a consequence. All but Bouch retired before the third lap began.

This latest exploit by Beck emphasised what we already knew, that he is far and away the best racing cyclist in the Colony at the moment. He rode superbly all the way, and once he had broken away the result was never in doubt. What classic battles we may have seen had Ryalson not been posted away from HK.

The proposed 50 miles Massed Start race, promoted by the 7th Hussars is now definite. Notification has been received from Singapore that a full RAF Team is being entered, to arrive on May 6.

RAF Hongkong will be putting up one complete team of six, with a possible part-team, while the NTACA hopes to field two full teams. The composition of the NTACA "A" team has been settled, and includes Bouch, Cowan and Jones of the 7th Hussars, and Ellingham, Sanderson and Lum of REME. "B" Team has not yet been

finally decided but the riders will be notified in plenty of time. The race itself should be a first-class event, with the result in doubt to the last. RAF Hongkong have four very strong riders in Gower, Wilkinson, Beck and Foster, while the Singapore team contains some well-known names. The hills may be the deciding factor, as the Singapore boys will be at a slight disadvantage, their courses being mostly flat.

The Hongkong Cycling Association Annual Dinner will be held some time in May. Will all those who wish to be present, please send their names to their Club Secretaries, to be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. HKCA, as soon as possible. This is "must" for all Colony riders. Shall YOU be there?

Softball League Dance On Saturday

The Hongkong Softball Association wishes to remind all softball players and fans that the Annual Presentation Dance will be held at 8.00 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Peninsula Hotel Ballroom, Kowloon.

As this occasion is the one and only social event for the year sponsored by the Association, a good turn-out is expected to make the dance a fitting climax to a successful softball season.

Team prizes will be distributed and names of most valuable players selected by players and managers in their respective leagues will be announced at the dance. In addition to the usual entertainment programme, a surprise contest is being planned by the Dance Committee.

Tickets at \$10 per head, including dinner and tax, are still available at the following addresses: P. J. Molten, Room 4, Shell House, Hongkong and Mr. E. H. Carvalho, Far East Motors Ltd., Kowloon.

To avoid disappointments, players and fans are urged to buy their tickets early and book their tables immediately.

Ninth-Ranked Australian Beats Bobby Wilson

Bournemouth, Hampshire, Apr. 26.

The second round defeat of two seeded players, Ramanathan Krishnan, of India and Bobby Wilson of Britain, upset the Men's Singles form book in the British Hard Courts Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

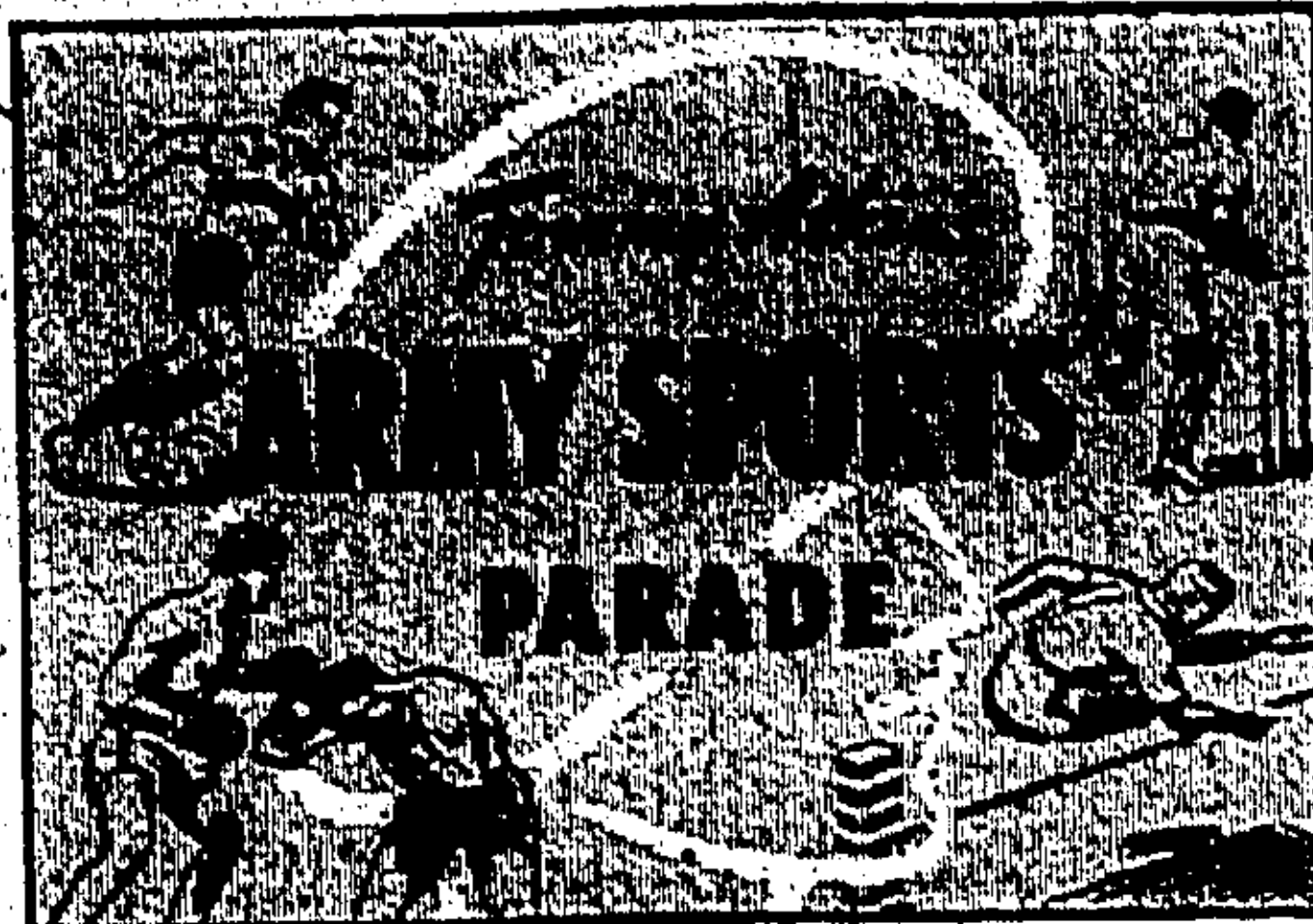
Krishnan, the Indian Champion, who was seeded fourth, went out to Ian Vermaak, South Africa's Davis Cup team captain, after two and a half hours by 7-5, 7-5, 3-6, 7-9, 6-3.

Nineteen-year-old Wilson seeded seventh, was beaten by Mal Anderson, Australia's ninth-ranked player, 8-6, 6-1, 6-1. All eight seeded players in the Women's Singles passed into the sixth round.—Reuter.

Scotland's Team Against Portugal In Soccer Int'l

Glasgow, Apr. 26. Scotland's team to meet Portugal in a soccer International at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on May 4 includes only three of the players beaten 1-2 by England recently.

They are left-back Haddock, left-half Cumming and centre-forward Reilly. The team, chosen from the 18 players who will tour Yugoslavia, Austria and Hungary, is: Younger (Hibernian); Parker (Falkirk); Haddock (Clyde); Evans (Celtic); Young (Glasgow); Cumming (Hibernian); Boyd (Hibernian); Reid (Hibernian); Reilly (Hibernian); Gemmill (St. Mirren); Liddell (Liverpool).—Reuter.



This week we welcome a group of first-timers to the spot of honour at the top of the Sports Parade. They are the footballers of 42 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, who, virtually unsung and unheralded, fought their way into the Hongkong Final of the Caldbeck Cup.

Even at that stage it was being stated confidently that they would make their exit at the hands of 27 HAA Regiment Royal Artillery, but, playing the same quiet orthodox game that brought them their earlier successes, they got the only goal of the match to win a worthy victory and with it a trip to Singapore for the FARELF Final.

They will take with them the very best wishes of the Army soccer community in Hongkong for a pleasant trip, a thrilling game, and a result that will see them bring the Caldbeck Cup back to this Colony.

It is interesting to note that this is the second year in succession that hot favourites have failed in the Hongkong final of the Caldbeck Cup competition. Last year the powerful team of the 1st King's was expected to win with little difficulty. They had Army representative players Doyle, Morley, Shannon and Hewitt in their line-up but even that strong quartet was unable to save the day and the very much unfancied 32 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery ran out clear winners, although they in their turn went down to RASC Singapore in the FARELF Final which was played on the Police Ground at Boundary Street.

This year was almost a complete repetition. 22 HAA were strong favourites with players like Nash, Chalmers, Moore, Lash and Underidge in their side, but the glorious uncertainty of cup-tie football was once again demonstrated, and 42 Field Regiment, with a hard working team and few big names, emerged winners.

AQUATIC PURSUITS

The approach of the hot summer season encourages thoughts of swimming and other aquatic pursuits. Once again the Army will be fully active in this sphere and comprehensive plans are being laid to ensure that the high and satisfactory standards of previous years are repeated.

The 1955 programme will be roughly along the same lines as that of 1954 with Swimming and Water Polo Leagues as before. This year, however, swimming matches will be optional and the winners will be left to team captains.

The programme is again to be run on the two-zone principle with Captain J. M. MacLean, RA, of 1st Field Regiment RA, acting as Secretary for the Army North, and Captain P.C. Russell RE, acting in a similar capacity for Army South.

With the framework of the organisation now formed the next step is up to Units, and entries for the respective swimming leagues should now be forwarded to the appropriate secretary. Entries close on April 30.

It is the intention to get the league competitions underway by May 15 and to complete the programmes by the end of July.

One of the most popular features of the summer season is water polo and it would seem that soldier polo players will have plenty of opportunity to show both their skill and their keenness.

Two teams, Army North and Army South, have been entered in the Colony Junior League and as this tournament will commence early in June prospective players will have to get plenty of practice.

In addition to the representative sides and the Water Polo Leagues there will be the popular Land Forces Knock-out competition, the winners of which will receive the Land Forces Unit Water Polo Championship Shield.

SPIRIT OF COMPETITION

The spirit of competition will also be encouraged in swimming and diving through unit and formation championships and this will lead progressively to the Land Forces Swimming Championships which are scheduled to be held towards the end of August. To those who aspire to still higher, the HKCA, Colony Championships will be staged at the end of August, and during September.

With so much, aot officials are, of course, a necessity. This applies particularly to Water Polo where there is a shortage of qualified referees. To ease the situation, a course is to be run early in May and names of suitable candidates should be forwarded to the SOPT of

ROGER BECKER MAY BE BRITAIN'S HOPE FOR INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

By DENNIS HART

Lawn tennis hustles football and other winter games off the British sporting scene. A couple of minor hard courts tournaments, a few days of sun and already talk switches to Wimbledon, and, more immediately to Bournemouth.

Bournemouth opens the major tournament season with the British Hard Courts Championships, which began on Monday, April 25.

With home players reared on hard and grass courts Bournemouth gives a line on form for the whole season, including Wimbledon and the Davis Cup.

Since the war it has confirmed each succeeding year that Britain has had only one singles player capable of reaching world class—and then only occasionally. That man is "Tony" Mottram.

Last year Mottram not only emphasised his superiority over other English players but beat Danish star Torben Ulrich and became the first English title-holder since Bunny Austin in 1937.

This year the youngsters like Billy Knight, Bobby Wilson and Mick Davies who have promised so much and, through extensive coaching and overseas tours, have packed so much experience into their young lives, have the chance to overthrow the old Guard.

LEFT-HANDED KNIGHT

Left-handed Knight, with crew-cut hair and freckled face is a tough, solid player who gives nothing away. Staid Bobby Wilson has had less coaching than the rest, preferring to get on with his engineering studies, but he still ranks among the best with a natural attacking flair and a devastating forehand.

Mick Davies, the fiery young Welshman who so impressed Wimbledon winner Drobny and Australian tennis boss Harry Hopman, has it in him to outshine them all.

Yet if Mottram is knocked off his perch this year I fancy the man to do it is one of the less-publicised youngsters, Roger Becker.

At 21, Becker is a year or two older than the others—maybe the reason he has not been so well publicised.

But at Bournemouth Becker can upset the reigning Champion, and hold off the younger challengers.

As a 19-year-old, Becker showed tremendous promise. He played for Britain in the Davis Cup. Thereafter progress slowed, he lost his team place. Just another hopeful, it seemed, who didn't quite make it.

After Wimbledon last year, Becker forced himself back into the limelight by beating Lew Hoad.

EIGHT MONTH TOUR

Then followed an eight-month tennis junket which took him 40,000 miles to America, Mexico, Hawaii, the Philippines, Malaya, Ceylon and Pakistan—and it was tennis all the way.

That suited Becker. He just can't play too much tennis. That was why he lost form in Britain. In the RAF—during his military service—opportunities for prac-

Sports Diary TODAY

Soccer
Div. 1: CAA v KMB (CH) 5 p.m.
Colony Championships finals at Southern Playground commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Badminton
Colony Cp's at I.R.C. 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer
Div. 1: RAE v Kwong Wah (CH) 6 p.m.
Div. 2: Championship play-off, second match, at the Club ground 6 p.m.

Badminton
Colony Cp's at St. Teresa's 8 p.m.

Cricket
Christians v Services at Recreation 5.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

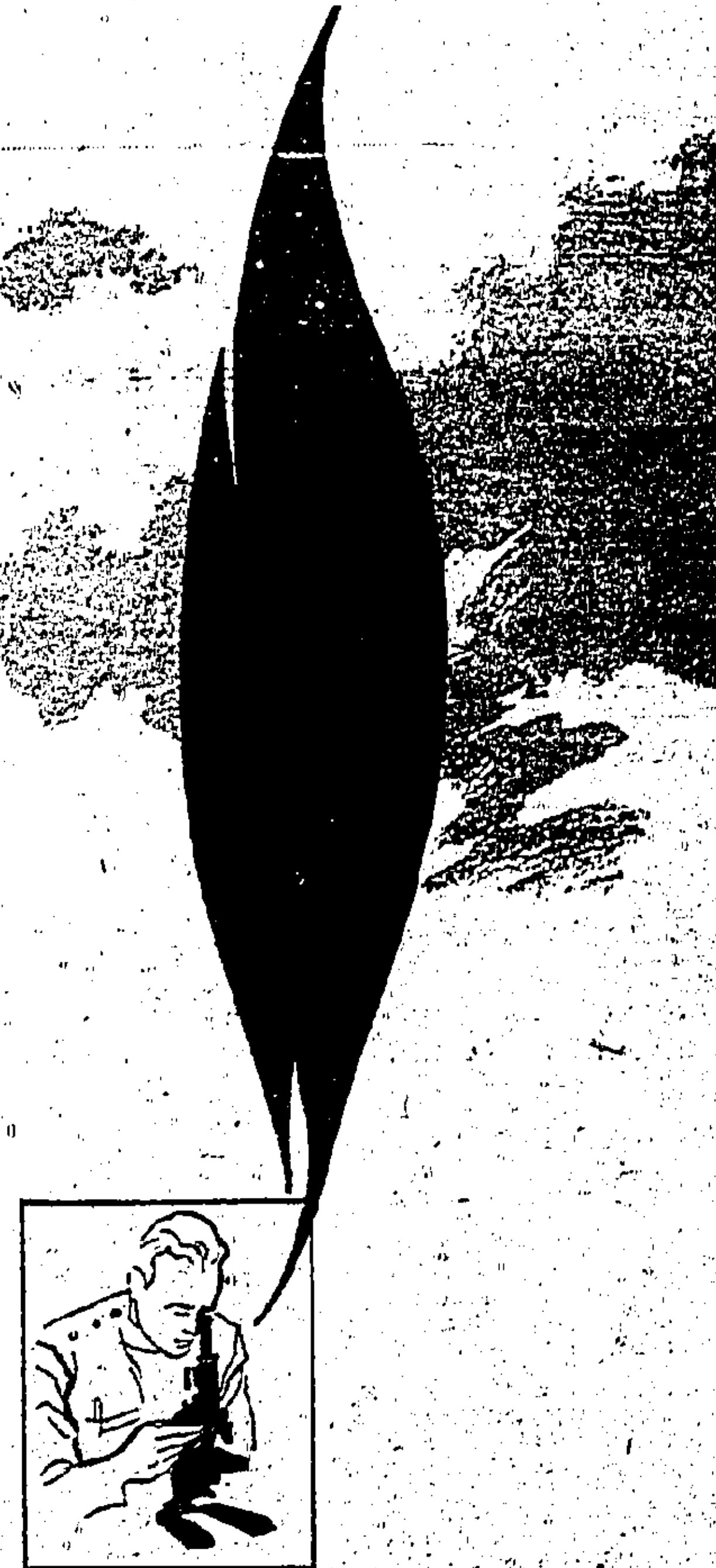
Badminton
Colony Championships at Tai Koo Club, 6 p.m.
H.K.F.A. Management Office Meeting, Sports Road, 5.30 p.m.

UNFAIR, SAYS SIR ARNOLD

Sir Arnold Lum, the 66-year-old author and skiing enthusiast, wants to see professionals taking part in the Olympic Games. To start with Sir Arnold would like the rule dropped which bars an athlete from the Games for life, once he is branded a professional.

He claims the banning of former world skiing champion Zeno Collo, of Italy, because he had allowed his name to be used in a ski-book advertisement, was unfair. Many other prominent skiers, he says, were allowed to advertise US skis, resorts, and remain amateurs, while the Russians were amateurs in name only.

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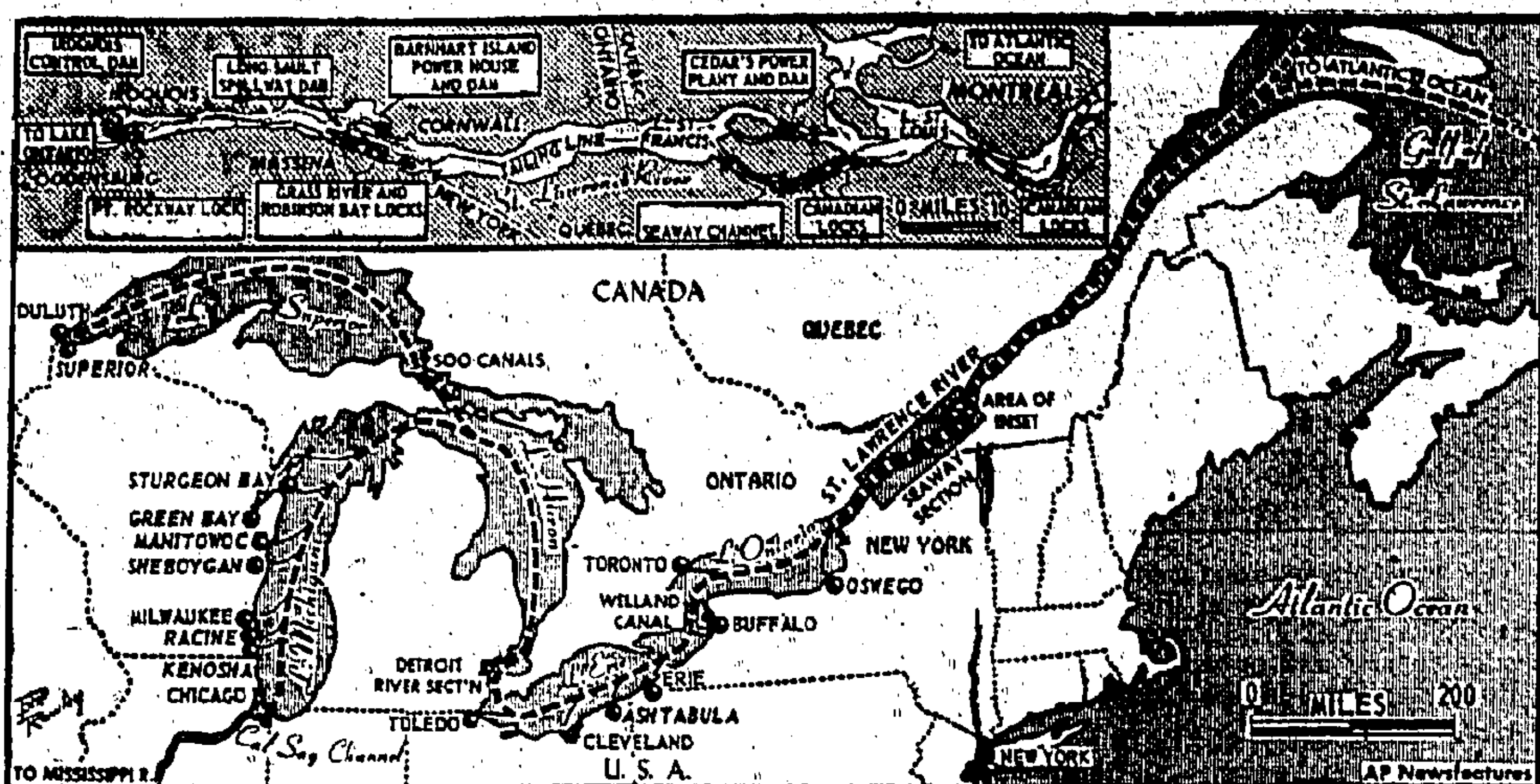
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Great Lakes Port Cities Preparing For The Seaway

By DAVID L. BOWEN

Associated Press Newsfeatures Writer

The inland heart of industrial America, strung out along the shores of the Great Lakes, is rapidly making plans for realization of a dream a half-century old—the opening of a deep water route to the sea.

After decades of discussion and argument, ground finally has been broken on removing the bottleneck barring ocean-going ships from the harbours of Detroit, Chicago and a dozen other inland manufacturing centres. The bottleneck is a 46-mile stretch of the St. Lawrence River section where present facilities permit passage of ships with no more than 14-foot draft.

When the joint Canadian-United States programme for increasing water depth there to 27 feet is completed in another four or five years—along with improvements above and below that point—a new commercial era will dawn for the Great Lakes.

The Midwest is rising to the challenge. The accompanying map shows lake-side cities where multi-million dollar projects for improving or completely rebuilding dock facilities are reported under way or in the planning stage. Most of the cities have yet to make firm decisions, but before the seaway is five years old one engineer estimates at least 500 million dollars may be invested.

The biggest expansion definitely scheduled is at Chicago. Maxim M. Cohen, general manager of the Chicago Regional Port District, says 25 million dollars in revenue bonds for the first stage of development of Lake Calumet will soon be issued.

A BASIN

Lake Calumet is a basin in the southern part of Chicago, connected by a short channel with Lake Michigan on one side, and the Illinois Waterway gateway to the Mississippi on the other.

"We plan to construct 8,000 linear feet of dock, four transit sheds of 60,000 square feet each, two grain elevators, two railroad classifications yards and a 100-acre site for liquid tanks," Mr. Cohen says. This initial project is scheduled for completion in a year and a half.

Other plans call for expansion until Lake Calumet has 14 miles of docks with facilities for handling barges from the Mississippi along with ocean freighters from the world over.

Mr. Cohen predicts that in 1959, the first full Great Lakes shipping season after the seaway is opened, between 400 and 500 staging vessels will call at Chicago annually.

A short distance up Lake Michigan at Milwaukee port officials are at work to make what they call the "best equipped port on the Great Lakes" even better. The brewery town, also the home of such manufacturing giants as Allis-Chalmers, will have finished in 1957 a new two-million-dollar general cargo pier, and plans to spend another two million dollars to equip it. An additional \$700,000 will be spent on miscellaneous projects, including roadways in and around the harbour, expansion of track facilities and harbour dredging.

Far to the east on Lake Ontario, a community industrial

promotion organization called "Operation Oswego" is aiming at making that city the "port of central New York." Last month Oswego got approval of the New York state legislature for establishment of a port authority with financing power, and the plan for harbour development already advanced calls for spending 28 million dollars.

\$50,000 STUDY

At Buffalo, N.Y., on Lake Erie, an engineering firm is conducting a \$50,000 study of the port's potential. A preliminary report provided the basis for recommendation of a 5 1/2 million dollar improvement programme. The great motor city of Detroit has no present plans for port improvements. Officials say present facilities are sufficient to handle at least the first year's increase in shipping. However, that capability apparently is not going to last long. Port officials estimate that within five years after the

seaway is finished, overseas shipments from Detroit will increase 2,200 per cent to one million tons. Chrysler Corp. reports it now ships 6 per cent of its exports by way of the Great Lakes, but would ship 80 per cent of overseas cargo from Detroit if facilities became available.

In Ohio, there is as yet no law allowing cities to create port authorities which could undertake projects and issue bonds to pay for them. Cleveland, Toledo and Ashtabula are among the important cities attempting to get a port authority bill through the Ohio Legislature. Cleveland now has a survey on potential traffic underway, but has not reached the cost estimate point. The same situation holds true at Erie, Pa., where a \$14,000 contract for a survey by consulting engineers was signed this month.

At the head of the lakes, Duluth and Superior are deter-

mined to insure that the new seaway doesn't stop before it reaches its westernmost point. Duluth has reactivated its long dormant port authority and Superior has formed a harbour commission.

Other cities in early stages of planning include the Wisconsin ports of Kenosha, Racine, Sheboygan, Manitowish and Green Bay. Sturgeon Bay anticipates as a result of the seaway an increase in ship-building, for which it is already well equipped.

CANADIAN SIDE

On the Canadian side of the lakes, few plans have advanced beyond the talking stage. To permit passage of ocean-going ships, 6 1/2 million dollars is being spent to install a lift span in the Victoria Bridge across the upper end of Montreal harbour and a one-million-dollar terminal is planned at Toronto. Other Canadian cities have yet to decide on concrete projects.

'State Of Urgency' In Algerian Department

Paris, Apr. 26.
A French general, with wide powers over both civil and military resources is to be appointed to direct the affairs of the Algerian Department of Constantine where a "state of urgency" exists.

The new commander who will begin his duties on May 1 will be subject to the overall authority of the Prefect of the Department.

This decision has emerged from conversations here between the Governor-General of Algeria, M. Jacques Soustelle, and members of the French Government.

The new command has been created to deal more effectively with elements hostile to the French Administration and to assure better protection of the lives and property of citizens who are loyal.

Emphasis will also be given to increasing medical services in the Department and to the creation of schemes of public works which will relieve unemployment. —France-Press.

Greek Women On Juries

Salonika, Apr. 26.
For the first time in Greek history, Greek women have been admitted as members of the jury in penal courts.

In accordance with a Bill passed by the Greek Parliament, Greek women have now acquired this right which so far, in Greece, was exclusive to men.

For the month of April out of 60 citizens of Salonika selected to be called as members of jury in the penal courts, 46 are males and 14 females. —China Mail Special.

APARTHEID WILL BREAK DOWN Archbishop's Prediction

London, Apr. 26.

The Archbishop of Capetown, Dr G. H. Clayton, said here today that South Africa could become a police state if the Government wanted that to happen in less than a week. All the machinery has been provided.

He predicted the breakdown of apartheid — the Government policy of segregation of black from white.

"My own view is that if there is not a flare-up due perhaps to another world war at an earlier date, the apartheid policy will break down for economic reasons," he added.

But that is a prophecy and prophecies, unless they are inspired, are dangerous things."

SOME TRUTH

Dr Clayton was addressing the Anglican Society for the Propagation of the Gospel which is celebrating its 254th anniversary.

There was some truth, he said, in the statement that the Union had been turned into a police state.

He said "a most dangerous amount of power has been placed in the hands of individual ministers. People are being deprived of the right to an effective resort to the law courts. Many people, mainly but not exclusively non-Europeans, are being named—that is they are regarded as Communists and they are deprived of freedom of movement and association."

"They are not allowed to attend gatherings. They have no defence against this. The Minister of Justice is not bound to give any account of the evidence on which he has based his decision. This makes an effective protest on behalf of an individual difficult."

"One has no information as to whether there are any real grounds for the Minister's action."

"I don't think it is strictly true that we are a police state."

If it were, I do not think that I should have got my passport and be here today.

"These are the conditions in which we have to work. Each individual measure that has been passed, can probably be paralleled in other countries in the Western world. It is the combination of them that produces so dangerous a situation."

"Can we go on with our work? At present the answer is 'yes.' But we are on the end of a string. The Government could to all intents and purposes bring our native work to an end."

"In the meantime our native work goes on and prospers..." The Archbishop mentioned that in most if not all of the dioceses they had a very large number of institutions, homes, hospitals, orphanages etcetera for the benefit of Europeans and non-Europeans. These institutions received subsidies from Government departments without which most of them would have to close down. —Reuter.

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Formosa, 8 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Japan, Noon.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Switzerland, France, Great Britain, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 10 a.m.
China, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.
India-China, 11 a.m.
Korea, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.

By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6:00, Lucky Dip. Variety. Parts presented by Jean (Studio); 7:15, Hon. Anthony Eden, M.P.—A Personal Portrait by Vernon (Studio); 7:30, "A Life of Bliss" written by Leslie Bridgman. Produced by Leslie Bridgman. (BBC); 7:55, Weather Report; 8:00, Time Signal; 8:15, Variety (Landon Relay); 8:30, Music of the Twentieth Century. Symphonic Concertante for piano and orchestra (Alma Moyse); 9:15, Weather Report; 11:15, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11:30, Goodnight Music; Good Save The Queen; 11:30, Close Down.

Strike Stops Magazine

London, Apr. 26.
The Weekend Mail, a British weekly feature newspaper with a circulation of almost 2,000,000, will not publish on Thursday because its machine men are on strike for special pay which they claim is due for working over Easter. —Reuter.

Report Denied

Berlin, Apr. 26.
There was no truth in the report that Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former Deputy who parachuted into England in 1941, attempted to establish a satellite state in Spandau Prison where he is being held as a war criminal. Allied sources said tonight. —France-Press.

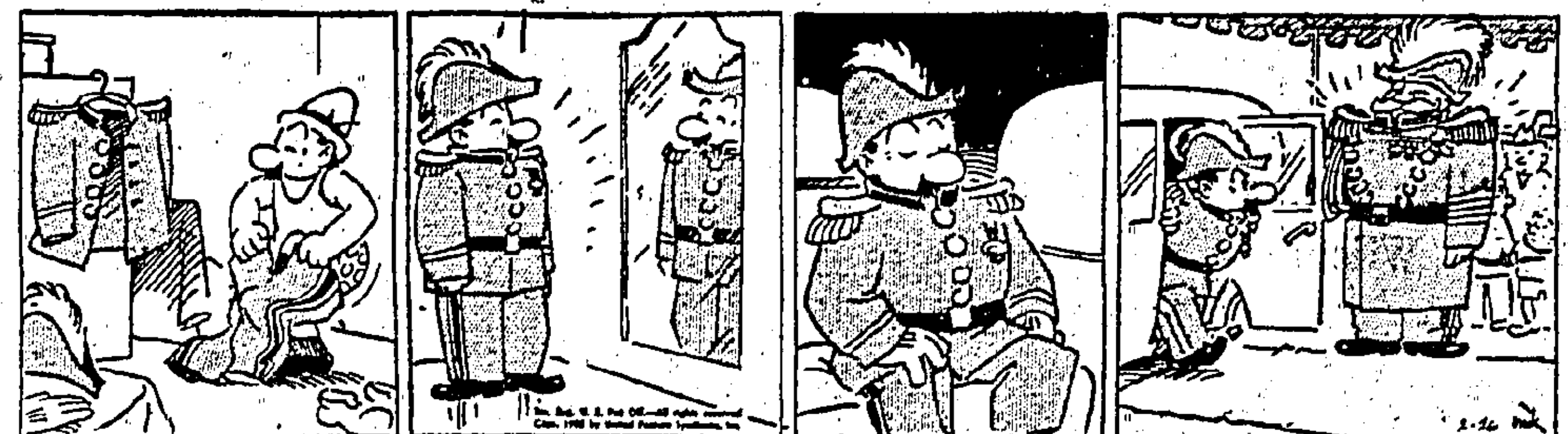
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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By Miki



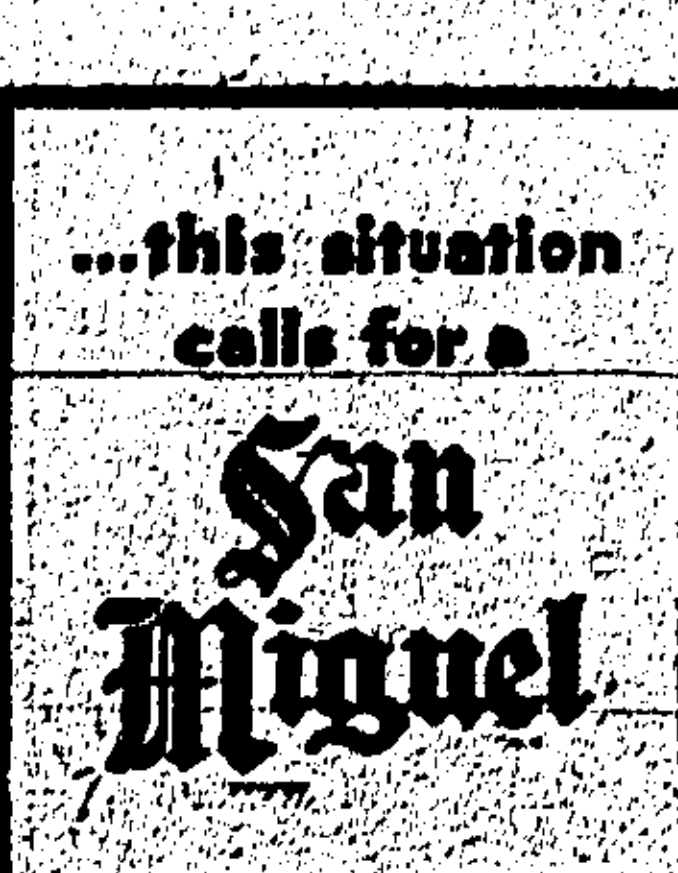
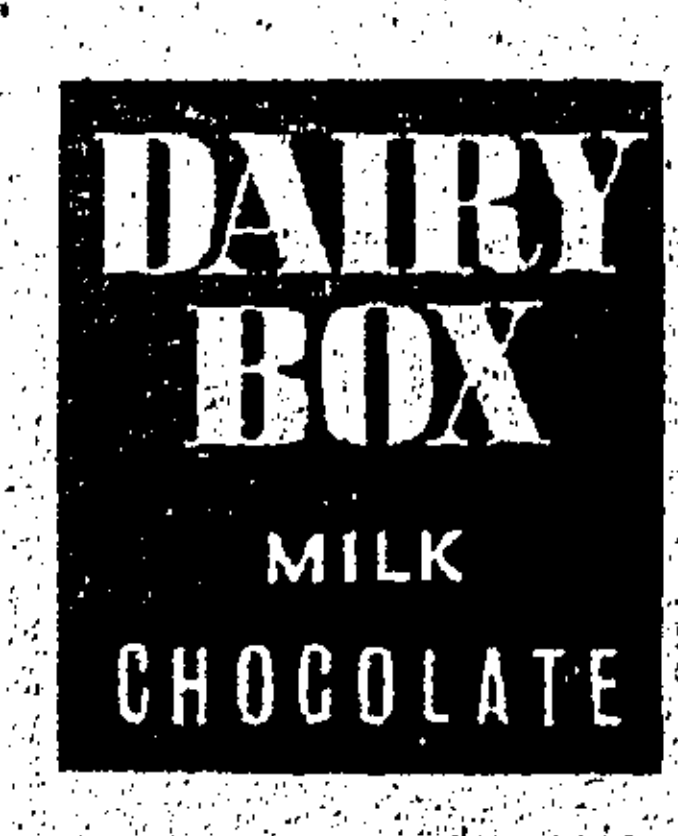
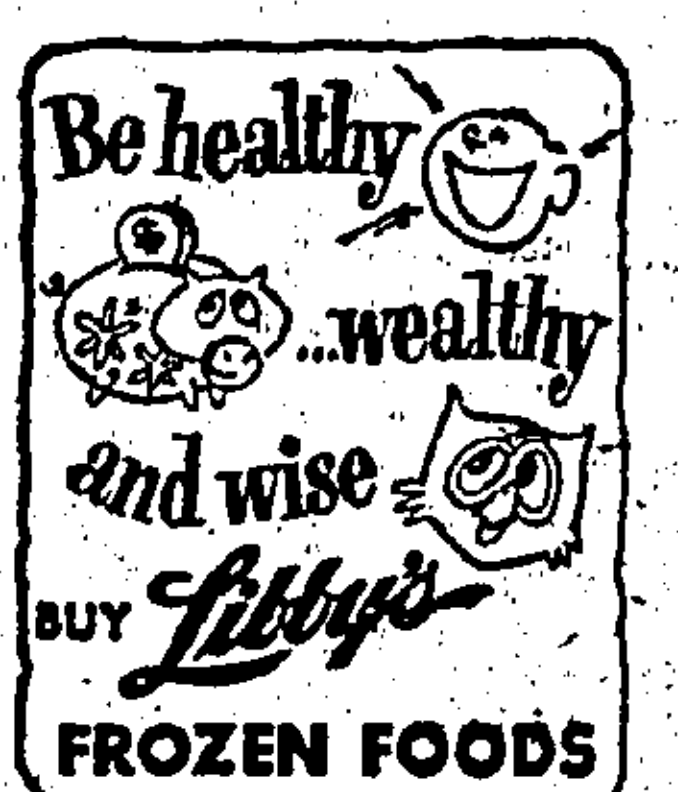
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



HOLLAND HOPES FOR 1m VISITORS

Amsterdam, Apr. 25. Holland hopes this year to attract 1,000,000 foreign visitors for the first time in her history.

The shop window is well filled.

There are all the usual and already famous attractions: the bulbfields and flower processions in April and May, the month-long Holland Festival, with the New York City Ballet, the La Scala Opera Company from Milan and the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Company from Stratford-on-Avon, lasting from mid-June to mid-July.

Windmills and canals, Rembrandt and Vermeer, Jan Steen and Van Gogh—these, like the wooden shoes and billy shirts of the peasant, or the picturesque costume of the fishwives, are already famous and need no advertisement.

A special attraction this year is a big exhibition opening in Rotterdam on May 13, under the title "E 55" ("Energy 1955"), designed to portray Holland's near-miraculous recovery since 1945. Covering 90 acres and due to remain open until September, "E 55" will show how the Dutch have recovered from the ravages of Nazi looting and destruction, the loss of Indonesia and the flood disaster of two years ago.

ANNIVERSARY

The tenth anniversary of the liberation of Holland in May 1945 will in itself be the occasion for bigger-than-ever celebrations. A national committee has been formed to co-ordinate and plan festivities in every town and village.

A million foreign visitors in a land of less than 11,000,000 people is a formidable ratio. But even in a world in which growing foreign travel is constantly breaking national tourist records, Dutch success in drawing foreign visitors is still remarkable.

Last year showed an increase in foreign tourism of 29 per cent—a bigger rise, according to unofficial figures, than can be claimed by any other European country of comparable or greater size. The number of guest nights spent by visitors from abroad in Dutch hotels reached about 2,000,000.

Various explanations are advanced for this increasing popularity of Holland among tourists. Some reasons are shown by the questionnaire which foreigners leaving Holland are asked to fill in to record impressions, criticisms and suggestions for improvement.

Of all those questioned, the largest percentage singled out the "hospitality, politeness, helpfulness and knowledge of languages" of the Dutch people as the strongest single impression of their stay.—China Mail Special.

Convicts Pay Their Way In Belgium

Brussels, Apr. 26. Hard working Belgian convicts not only pay for their keep—they make money for their Government.

This is revealed in the annual report of the Belgian Prison Commission. The Commission claims that Belgian prisons are a model for the rest of the world.

Voluntary work—"It keeps the prisoners happy"—is the basis of an intensive system of "re-education." During their months and years of detention inmates invariably learn a trade. Lack of a trade, the report adds, is often the reason individuals turn to crime.

PART TO FAMILIES

Inmates are paid for their work. Part of their earnings goes to their families. What is more, Belgium's 15 prisons last year netted a ten-and-a-half million francs (nearly £750,000) profit from the sale of goods manufactured by the prisoners.

Prison producing the biggest share of the profit (£250,000 francs) was Louvain—a reserved for long term prisoners. Inmates there are mostly "lifers" and prisoners sentenced to death.

The death sentence is not carried out in Belgium. Condemned murderers are sent to gaol for life and their names are removed from all lists of the population.—London Express Service.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Finance For Siam Cement Company

Washington, Apr. 25. The Export-Import Bank announced today the authorization of a credit to the Siam Cement Company, Limited, of Bangkok, of up to \$1,250,000 for the purpose of purchasing United States equipment for generating electric power primarily for use in cement production, but also for sale to towns near its cement plants.

The Siam Cement Company manufactures cement products and in recent years has also produced pig iron bars and fire bricks. Its cement output in 1954 amounted to about 370,000 tons.

The credit will carry a rate of interest of 1 1/2 and be payable over a period of 10 years, with repayments to start not later than July 1, 1957. The Government of Thailand will furnish assurance of convertibility of Thai currency into dollars, the announcement said.—United Press.

China Offers To Purchase Egyptian Cotton

Cairo, Apr. 26. Communist China has offered to buy about 22,500,000 kilos of Egyptian cotton each year, according to reports published by the Egyptian Press today from their correspondents in Beijing.

National Guidance Minister Major Saleh Salem told the correspondents in Beijing that the offer was made during talks between the Egyptian and Chinese Communist delegations. The Chinese submitted to the Egyptians a list of Chinese products which could be delivered to Egypt in exchange for its cotton.

Major Salem stressed that "the operation was rather difficult to realize, Egypt having asked for much more industrial products and raw materials than those which China offered."—France Press.

London Stock Market

London, Apr. 26. British Government bonds rallied strongly today, carrying all sections of the London stock market higher.

Fairly heavy investment buying reversed the three-day decline which hammered gilt-edged securities down sharply. War Loan rose almost 13s, recovering about half its losses.

The weakness in the market in past sessions reflected fears of tighter credit restrictions and uncertainties about the upcoming general elections on May 26.

But a rush of good earnings reports, strength in sterling and an improved economic outlook added to the buoyancy and prompted traders to buy.

Leading industrial stocks improved on short-covering. Some top issues such as Unilever, Ford Motor, and Imperial Chemicals tended to advance. Royal Dutch paced bills with a gain of 2 1/2.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Apr. 26. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 14 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 23 contracts.

Both markets ruled quiet and mixed while traders awaited raw market developments.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Apr. 26. The stock market advanced gathered momentum today, moving industrial shares to a new all-time high and rails to their best level since Oct. 26, 1929.

The rise, despite some late paring of gain realising, added around a billion dollars to the values of all listed stocks.

There was demand for steels, rails, cement stocks, chemicals, metals and a host of special issues.

Steels, strong throughout the session, backed down just before the close. US Steel, up over a point at one time, closed unchanged. Directors after the close reported record first quarter earnings for the Company but declared only the usual dividend.

Some of the day's best gains came in cement stocks, responding to President Eisenhower's request, the Republican Congressional leaders got moving on his \$101,000,000 highway construction programme.

Alpha Portland scored 4 points, Lehigh Portland nearly 4. Lone Star and Penn-Dixie rose 2 points each, Marquette cement a point.

Just before the close, Du Pont soared 5 1/2 points to \$187. Other chemicals also were strong. Chrysler met demand in the automotive, rising nearly 2 points.

Industrial as a group averaged 3.78 points higher while rails gained 1.34 and utilities 0.10.

The gains in rails ranged almost to 4 points in Santa Fe, selling ex-dividend.

Of a total 1,218 issues traded, there were 595 higher, only 387 lower.

Trading was moderately active throughout the session and turnover totalled 2,720,000 shares, the same as yesterday.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,380,000.

The American Stock Exchange bond volume was \$400,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages

	30 Industrials	430.64
	20 Rails	161.24
	15 Utilities	167.28
	83 Stocks	167.28
	Comm. future price index	125.40
	40 Bonds	99.22

OF ASIA Bigger Role For Indians And Japanese

New York, Apr. 25. A leading American business spokesman today forecast a bigger role for India and Japan in the industrial development of Asia.

Mr. Warren Lee Pierson, Chairman of the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, told a Press conference that "between India and Japan—they could carry the load of the vast

World Cotton Markets

New York, Apr. 26. Cotton traders today continued to be almost solely preoccupied with adjusting positions in the May delivery.

Prompt stoppage of delivery notices, with southern mills credited with taking up around 19,000 bales of the 35,000 bales recently put on tender, acted to restore buyers' confidence in old crop months.

The May delivery closed 9 points higher while the rest of the list was off 1 to 8 points. Opening prices were up to 4 points. New Orleans closed up 1 to 11 points.

Leading spot interests were accredited sellers of May 1st about 20 points under July. Other spot firms were buyers of May and New Orleans today covered 14,500 bales compared with 700 bales yesterday.

Until the May situation is cleared up, market observers thought crop news, textile market events, spot market developments and the other usual price-stapling factors would be overlooked.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today

Spot	33.75
May	33.58
July	33.73-74
October	33.92
December	34.00
March	34.28
May	34.22
July	33.71
—United Press.	
LIVERPOOL	

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

	Spot	May	July	Oct.	Dec.	Mar.	May
May	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
July	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
Oct.	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
Dec.	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
Mar.	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
May	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
July	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35

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Oct.	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
Dec.	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
Mar.	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
May	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35
July	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35	34.35

In the United States, the average of 15/18 middling at ten designated spot markets was 23.61 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 4,337 bales.—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Apr. 26. The rubber market was steady because of trade support and some short-covering. There were some overseas acceptances in the afternoon too. Futures: No. 1 rubber, per lb. May 95 1/2-95 3/4, June 96-96 1/4, July 96 1/2-96 3/4, August 96 3/4-97, September 97-97 1/2, October 97 1/2-97 3/4, November 97 3/4-98, December 98-98 1/2, January 98 1/2-98 3/4, February 98 3/4-99, March 99-99 1/2, April 99 1/2-99 3/4, May 99 3/4-100, June 100-100 1/2, July 100 1/2-100 3/4, August 100 3/4-101, September 101-101 1/2, October 101 1/2-101 3/4, November 101 3/4-102, December 102-102 1/2, January 102 1/2-102 3/4, February 102 3/4-103, March 103-103 1/2, April 103 1/2-103 3/4, May 103 3/4-104, June 104-104 1/2, July 104 1/2-104 3/4, August 104 3/4-105, September 105-105 1/2, October 105 1/2-105 3/4, November 105 3/4-106, December 106-106 1/2, January 106 1/2-106 3/4, February 106 3/4-107, March 107-107 1/2, April 107 1/2-107 3/4, May 107 3/4-108, June 108-108 1/2, July 108 1/2-108 3/4, August 108 3/4-109, September 109-109 1/2, October 109 1/2-109 3/4, November 109 3/4-110, December 110-110 1/2, January 110 1/2-110 3/4, February 110 3/4-111, March 111-111 1/2, April 111 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